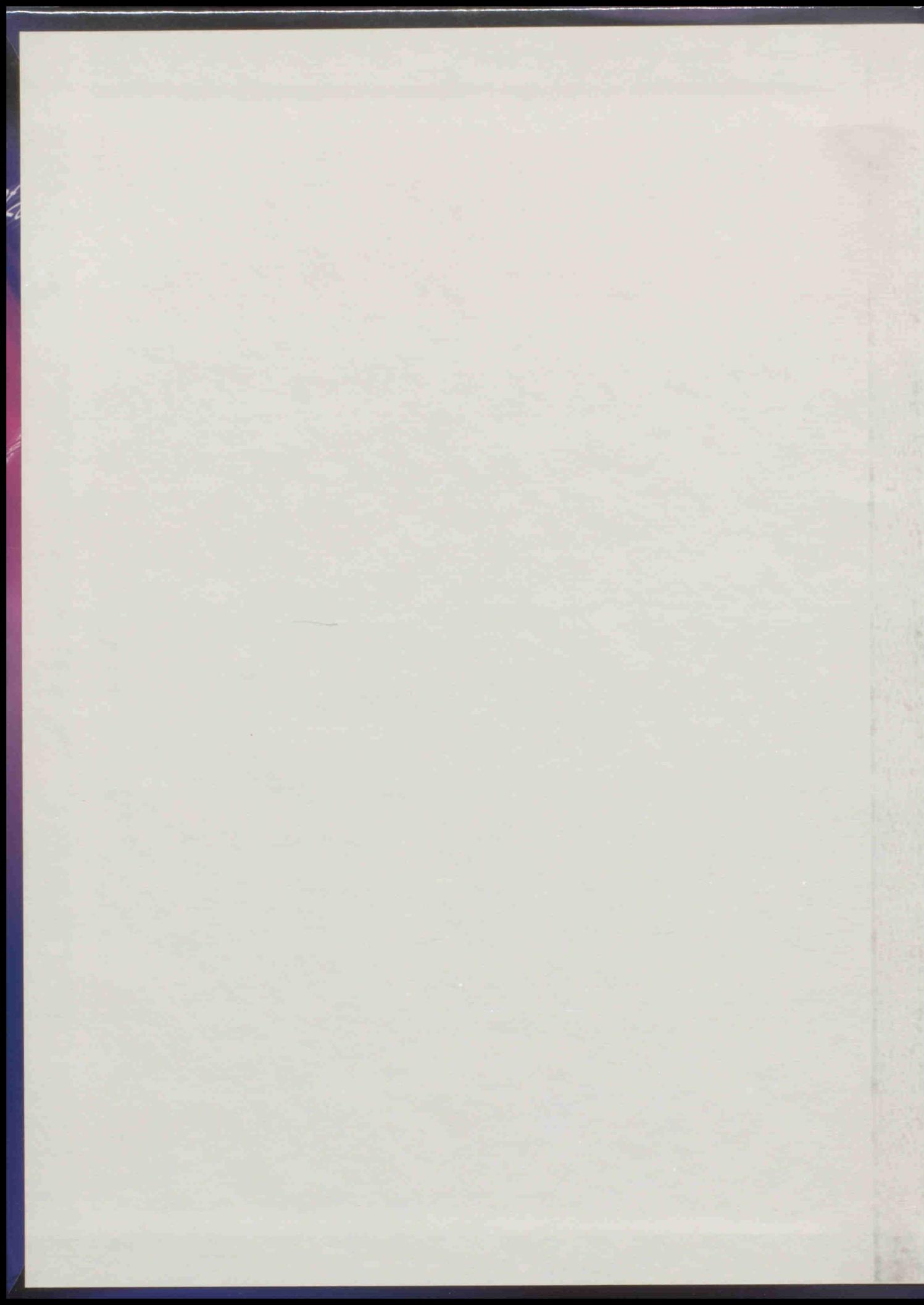
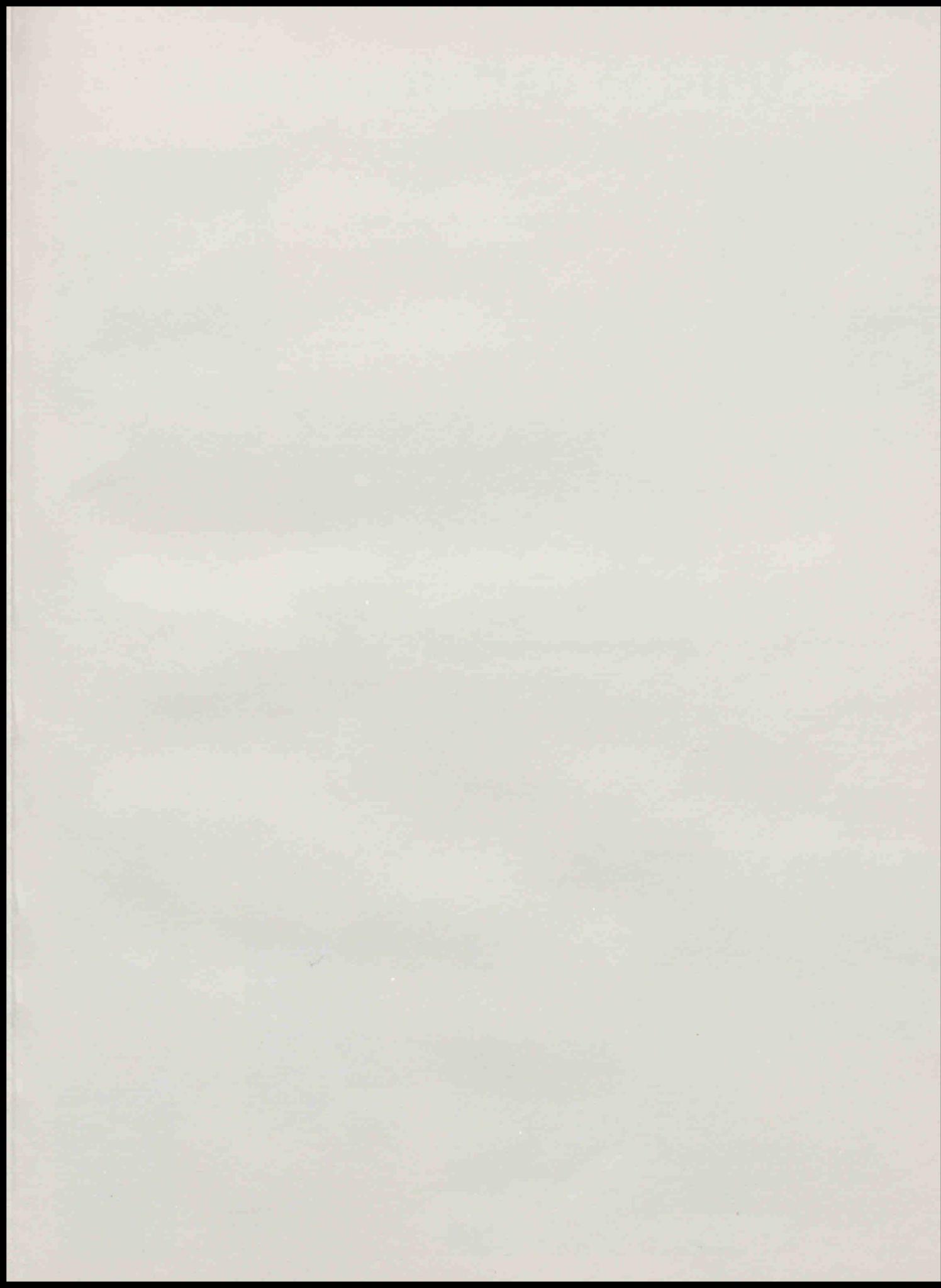


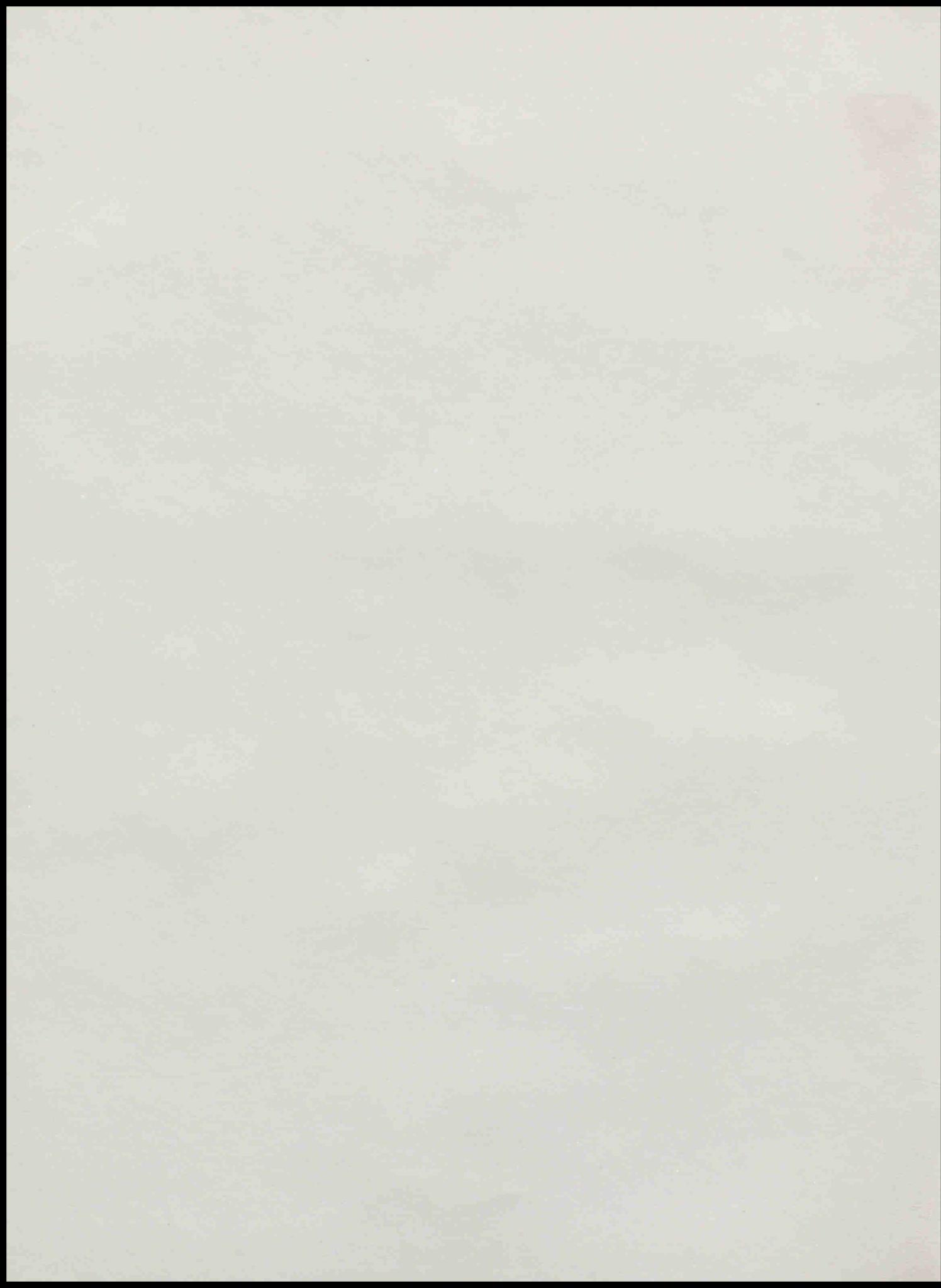
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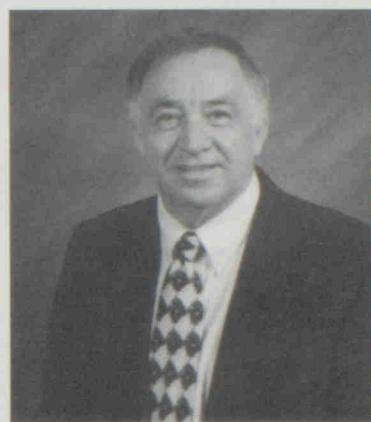
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The Aerie

For many years the DeLand-Weldon yearbook has gone without a name. There has usually been a theme, or a motto, but not a name. The yearbook staff decided this year to remedy that problem. Of course, the name had to be associated with our mascot—the Eagle. One suggestion was “Eagle’s Nest,” but that sounded too plain. After several other ideas were discussed, Mr. DeJaynes suggested “The Aerie.” Obviously some eyebrows were raised—that is, until he explained that an *aerie* is an eagle’s nest. The word is pronounced *air-ee*. So, now the DeLand-Weldon yearbook is no longer a book without a name. It is where the eagle nests—**The Aerie**.



On 11 September 2002, students and faculty gathered at the flag pole for a short remembrance and moment of silence in memory of those who lost their lives 9/11/01.



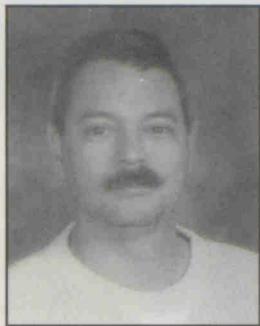
In Memory of Those Who Lost Their Lives in the War in Iraq

*In every life,
there comes a time
to walk in shadows and in sunlight,
to hear silence and song,
to shed tears of sadness and of joy,
to forget what has been taken,
and remember
what has been given.*

High School Faculty



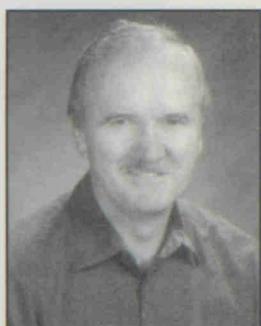
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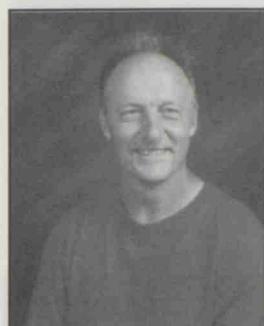
G. Arenas
Business, Computers



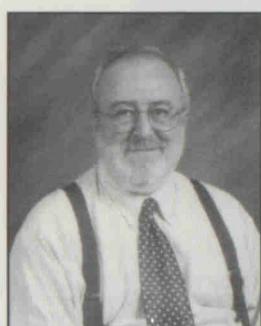
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P.E., Health, Drivers' Ed.



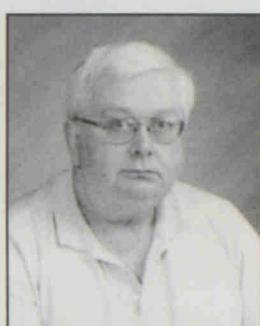
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Art



B. Cunningham
Social Studies



R. DeJaynes
English, Drama, Speech



D. Eatock
Biology, English



K. Luecke
Spanish



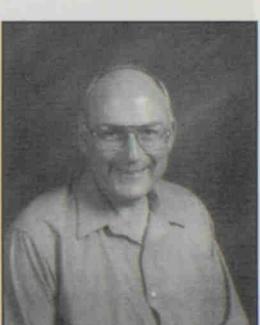
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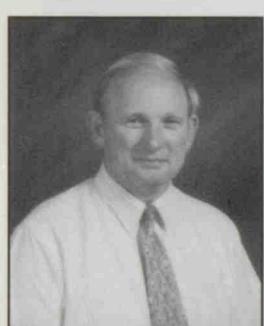
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Music



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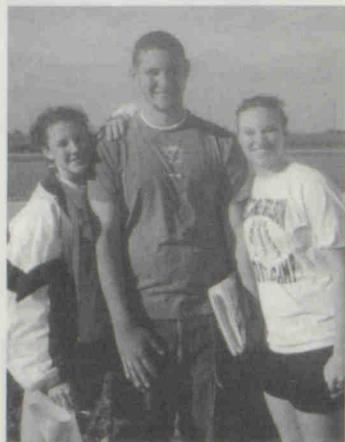


M. Willis
Work Study

*Gladly do they learn
and gladly teach...*

Siblings at DWHS...

There were several sets of siblings attending DeLand-Weldon High School during the 2002-2003 school year. Here they are...



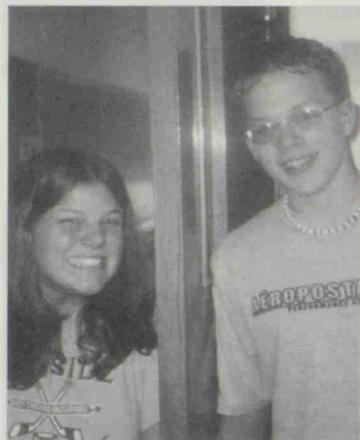
Alycia, Chuck, and Ashley Arnold



Kira Bell & Cody McDermith



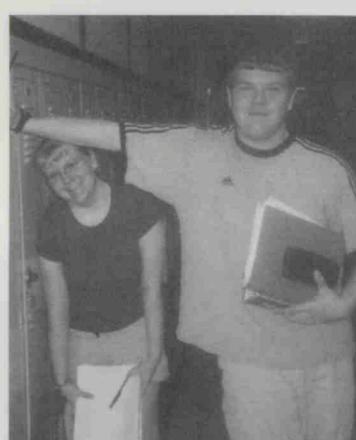
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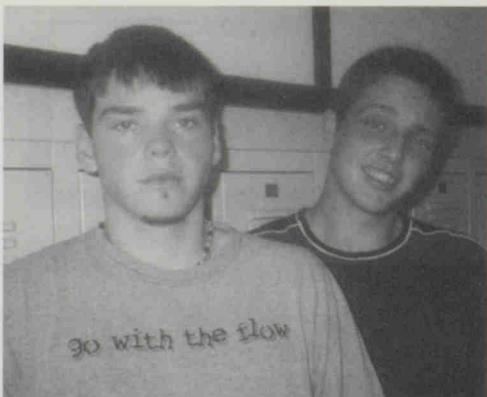
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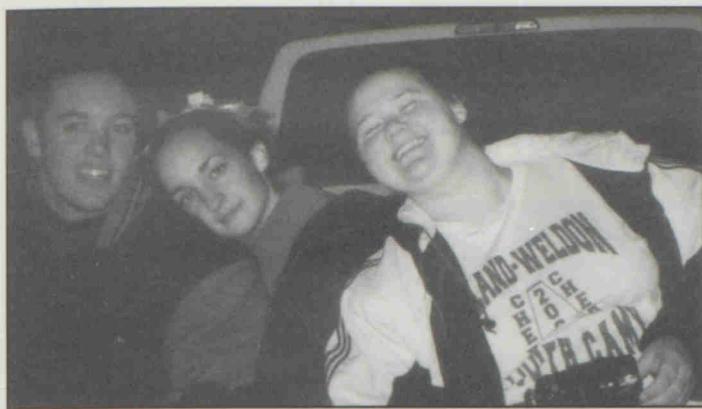
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Benny & Billy Ingersoll



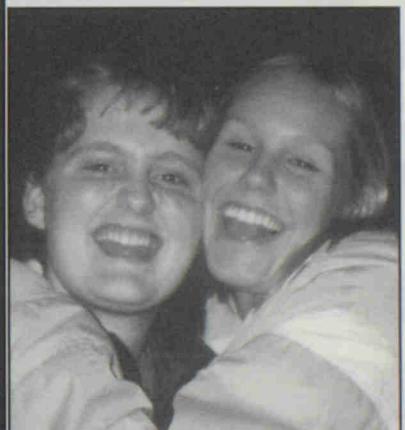
Allen & Krista Reynolds



Are we on camera?

Bonfire Fun

Students, faculty, and friends gathered after the final girls' volleyball game around the roaring fire for food and fun. The chilly evening was warmed by the giant fire, hosted by members of Student Council.



Tonya having fun!



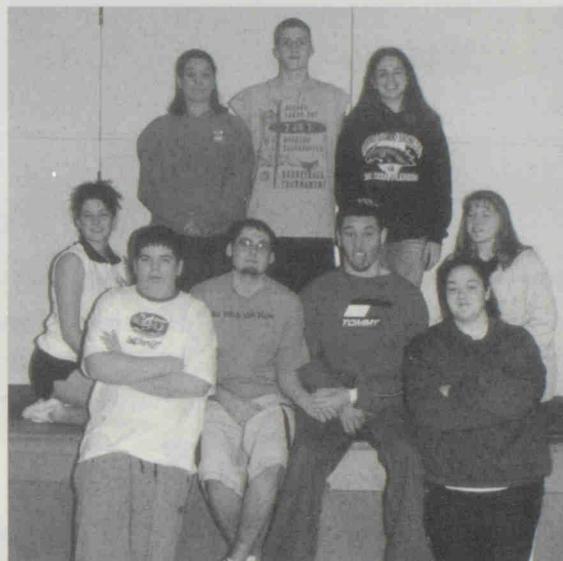


Drama Club

The DeLand-Weldon High School Drama Club dedicates itself to the study and presentation of fine drama.

On Saturday, 27 March 2003, the DeLand-Weldon High School Drama Club presented an adaptation of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. Cast members included: Chuck Arnold as the monster; Chris Day as Victor Frankenstein; Alycia Arnold as Elizabeth; Frank Trussel as Henry; Kate Funderburk as Frau Frankenstein; Tonya Yokley as Ernst; Samantha Wallace as Sophie; Courtney Wilson as the gypsy girl. Mr. DeJaynes directed the production, assisted by Kira Bell, Brandon Rost, and Matt Mutty. Prompters were Samantha Oakley and Derek Lian.

The cast of *Frankenstein*, following a performance for the high school and grade school following the night of the main performance. From left: Luke Reeser (filling in for Tonya Yokley), Alycia Arnold, Frank Trussel, Kate Funderburk, Courtney Wilson, Chuck Arnold, Chris Day, and Samantha Wallace.



Cast and Crew of *Frankenstein*

Victor:
Chris Day

Elizabeth:
Alycia Arnold

Henry:
Frank Trussel

Sophie:
Samantha Wallace

Frau:
Kate Funderburk

Justine:
Courtney Wilson

Ernst:
Tonya Yokley

Creature:
Chuck Arnold

Director:
Mr. DeJaynes

Student Director:
Matt Mutty

Stage Manager:
Brandon Rost

Publicity:
Kira Bell

Costumes:
Niki Allison

Prompters:
Samantha Oakley
Derek Lian
Krista Reynolds

Stand-In:
Luke Reeser

Lifesavers



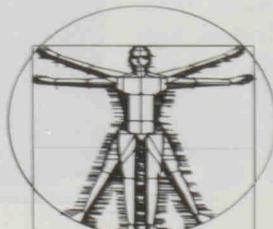
Front row: Melissa Neathery, Alycia Arnold, Jessica Blanchard, Ashley Arnold, Kate Funderburk, Ayla Westray, Mrs. Schilawski. Second row: Samantha Oakley, Jenny Ford, Benny Ingersoll, Brandon Rost, Chris Blanchard, Tonya Yokley, Bill Ingersoll. Third row: Samantha Wallace, Courtney Wilson, Amy Barr, Sara Chrispen, Mat Deem, Chuck Arnold, Sam Lawrence, Mark Bennett.



Front row: Kendra Moore, G. W. Mank, Johnson Flanagan. Back row: Mrs. Amdor, Siarah Flanagan, Andy Mollet, Kyle Moore, Mrs. Schilawski.

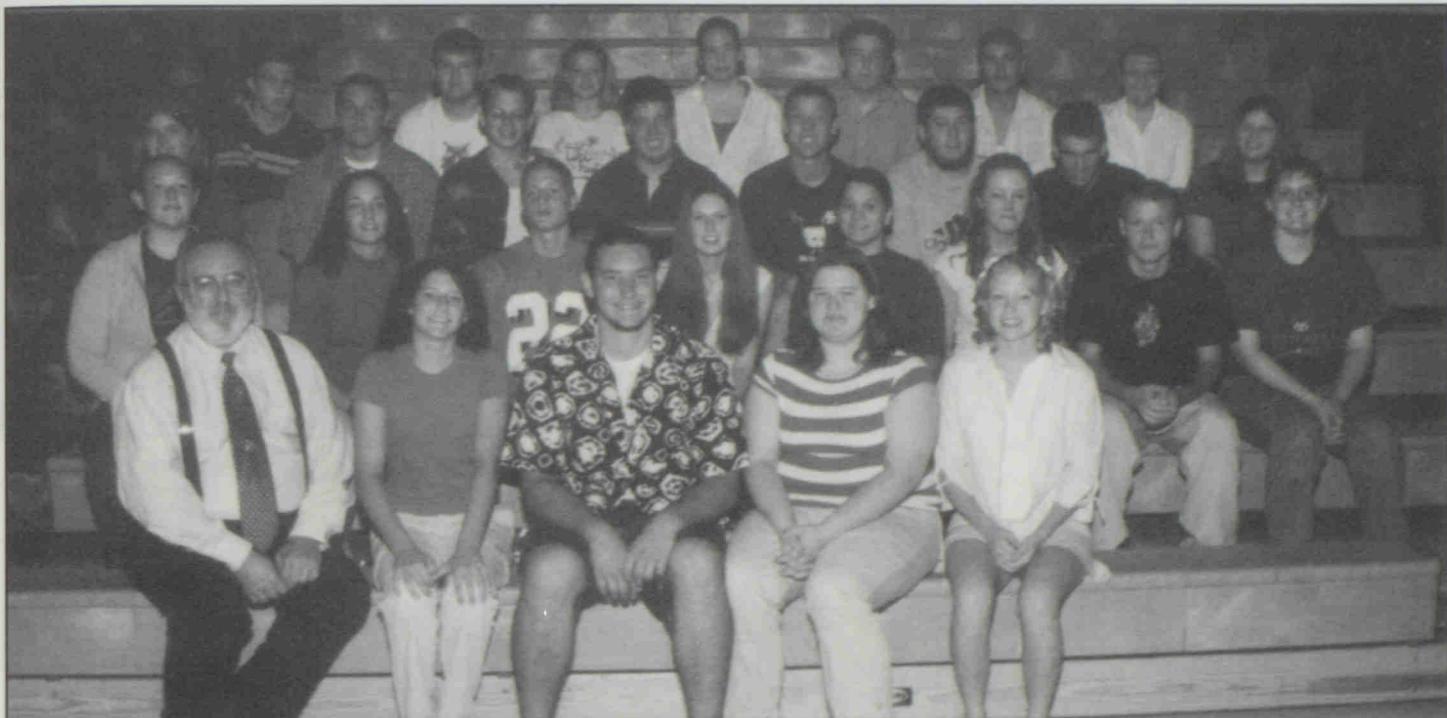
Scholastic Bowl

Faculty Advisors:
Mrs. Schilawski
Mrs. Amdor



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Chuck Arnold
Assistant Editor/Vice-President

Kira Bell
Secretary/Treasurer

Alycia Arnold
Student Council Representative

Mr. DeJaynes
Faculty Advisor

Front Row: Mr. DeJaynes, Alycia Arnold, Chuck Arnold, Niki Allison, Kira Bell. Second Row: Krista Reynolds, Melissa Neathery, Brandon Rost, Nikki Bowman, Tonya Yokley, Beth Bensken, Frank Trussel, Siarah Flanagan. Third Row: Samantha Oakley, Zach Ramage, Mat Deem, Luke Reeser, Sam Lawrence, Mark Bennett, Justin Priess, Jennifer Deem. Back Row: Nick Summar, Kyle Moore, Amanda Barnes, G. W. Mank, Matt Fisher, and Kendra Moore.

It is the job of the Yearbook staff to be continually aware of events that are taking place in the school, whether it be academics or sports. Members of the staff must be proficient in writing, photography, and computers. They must also have an eye for page layout and composition.

The 2002-2003 school year was the first year that Mr. DeJaynes served as advisor. Thanks to the dedication of the staff members, especially Kira Bell, the yearbook expenses were met, and the yearbook was totally paid for by the time it went to press. Mr. DeJaynes would like to thank the entire staff for a great year!



Ashley Arnold



Aleyna Carsel



Hilary Dalton



Siarah Flanagan



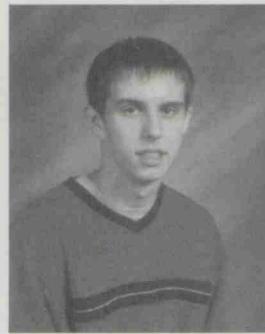
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Windy King



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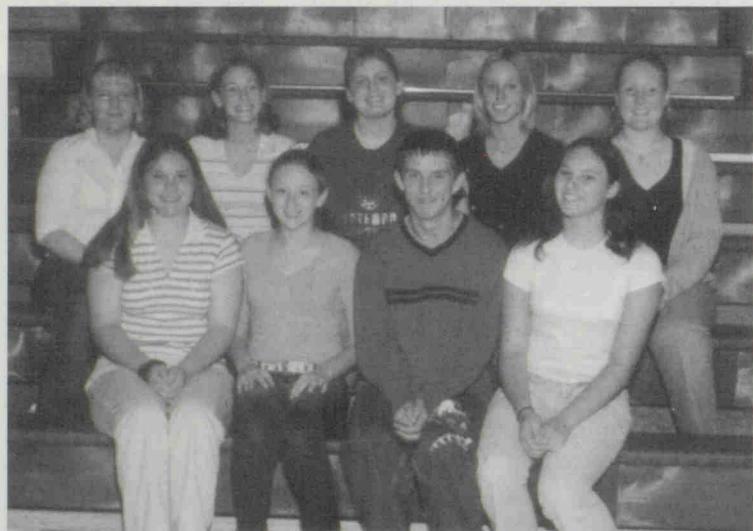
Richard Randall



Ayla Westray

Freshmen

Class of 2006



Front Row: Windy King, Miika Garrett, Richard Randall, Ashley Arnold. Back Row: Kendra Moore, Ayla Westray, Siarah Flanagan, Hilary Dalton, Aleyna Carsel.

Sponsors:
Mrs. Bragg & Mrs. Willis

Class Officers: Richard Randall, Siarah Flanagan, Hilary Dalton, Ashley Arnold, Miika Garrett.



Class of 2006 at Work & Play



Aleyna, Richie, Hilary, and Siarah take a few moments from their busy schedules to pose for the camera.



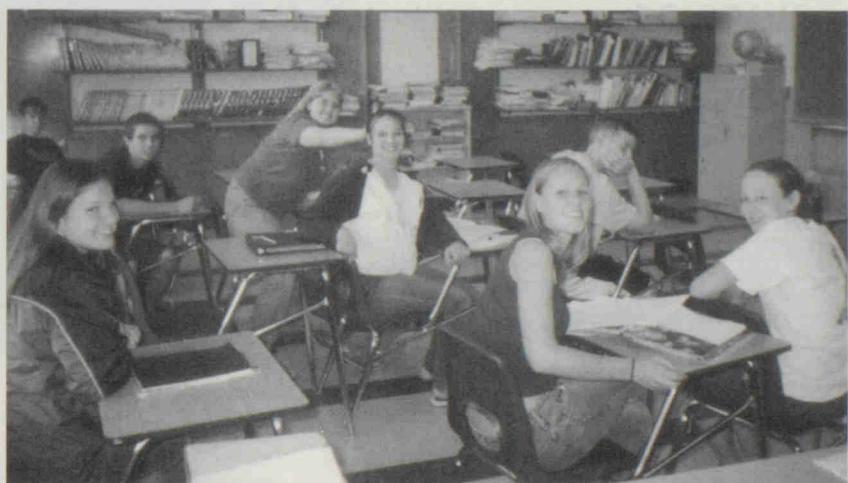
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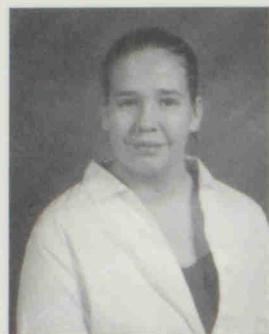


Kendra has a friend in high places.



World Geography really *is* fun.

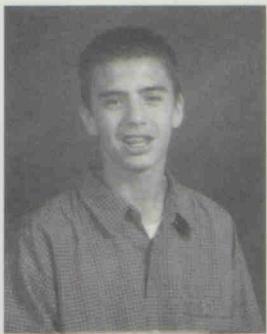




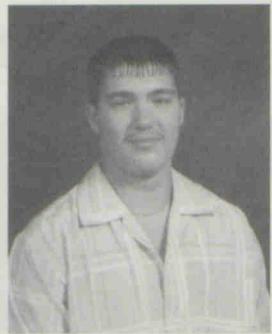
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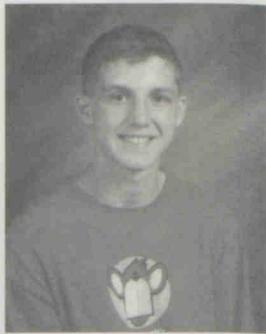
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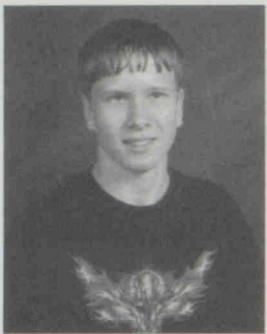
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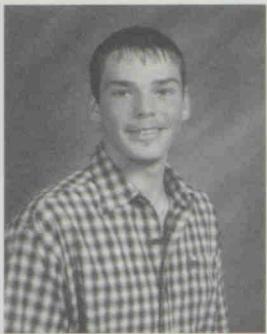
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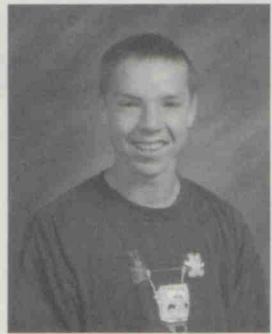
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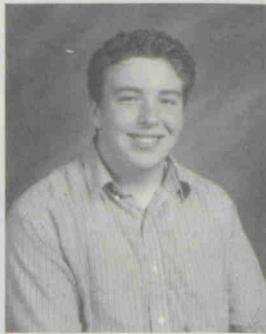
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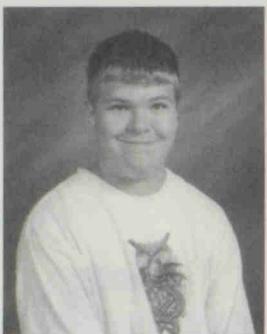
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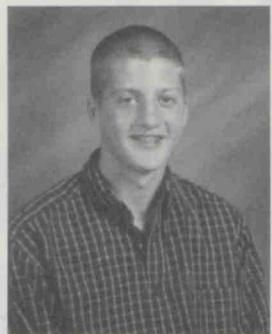
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Krista Reynolds



Brandon Rost



Nick Summar



Sponsors:
Mr. Cunningham & Mr. Waddell



THE
SOPHOMORE
CLASS

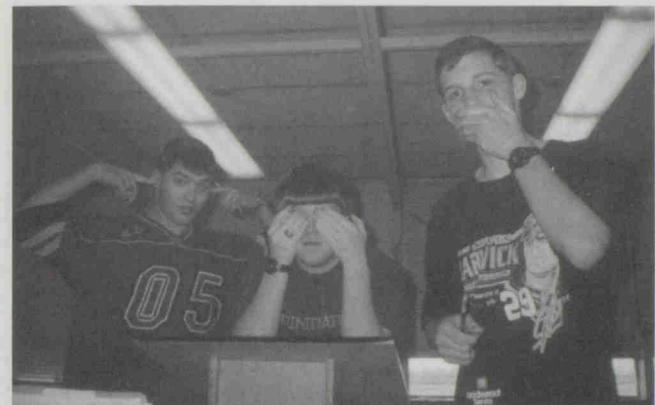




Class Officers: Kyle Moore, Jenny Ford, Krista Reynolds, Johnson Flanagan



Kyle gets a little extra help...whether he wants it or not!

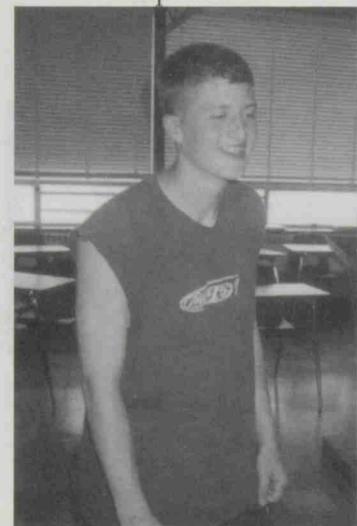


Hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil. Matt, Kyle and Johnson are on the right track. *Sure they are!*



Johnson's wish is *finally* granted.

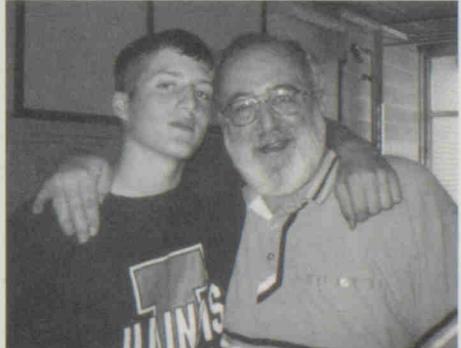
Senor Rost en la clase de espanol.



Jenny & Beth take a break from the routine.



Brandon & Mr. D. share a "Kodak Moment."



Class of 2001

Class Sponsors:

Mr. Collins, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs.
Tatum



Alycia Arnold



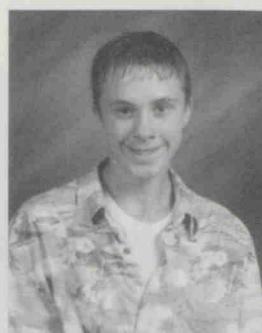
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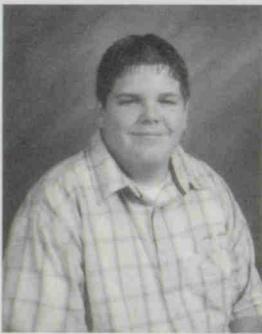
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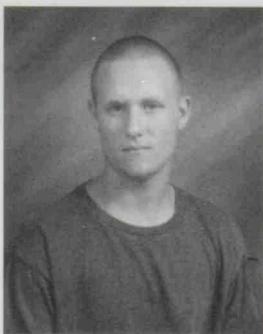
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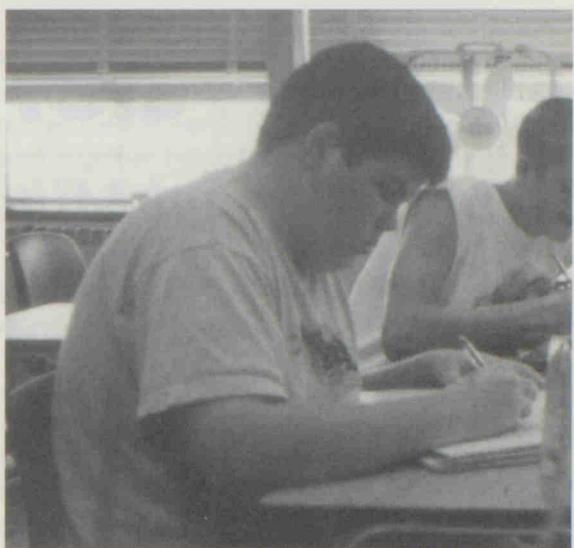
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Jodi Swingle



Junior Class Officers

Matt Mutty, Nikki Bowman, Alycia Arnold, Tonya Yokley, Jennifer Deem



Matt studying??!!



Los amigos!



"Yes, Nick, it's a camera!"



Is that an approved site, Chris?

Zach can usually be found in a hall somewhere.

Okay, Sam, what are you up to?

Senior Wills

Being of Sound Mind and Body...

I, Kira Bell, will the incoming freshmen the ability to be their own person. Don't get caught up in the many little groups you'll encounter through your high school years. You are U! I will the freshman class the knowledge they need to succeed in the near future. You can do it! I will the sophomore class the right to say whatever they want. You are the "middle kids" in high school. Don't worry, you'll be on the top some day. I will the junior class the power it takes to continue to have all the faith and determination in your graduating class to be as close as you are now. That's awesome. I will the senior class a little bit of advice for when you meet the **big world** that's out there; if you don't succeed, try, try again. Don't ever give up. Just remember...if there's a will, there's a way! I love you guys and you are so awesome! I will all the teachers my gratitude. I thank all the teachers who were a part of my high school career. You taught me a lot and made me look at life in a totally different way. All of you are terrific!

I, Mat Deem, will the '04 seniors luck in winning another spirit stick. I will my sister the ability never to use her homework voice. I will Nikki B. the ability to never have clogged pores. I will Alycia the ability to win Magic one time by the rules and without help. I will Krista the ability to escape her mom's grounding for her junior year. And, finally, I will Matt Mutty the video game music, now and forever.

I, Courtney Wilson, will Krista my spot in the locker room for basketball, my "cheerfulness," my lust for the Pepsi guy, my dependable, leak-proof car, my ability to skip class without getting caught. If the shoe fits...! I will Nikki B. my driving ability, and I will Lindsey S. the ability to make it through the day without hating someone new.

I, William Ingersoll, will Keith the power to know how to fish. I will Beth the power not to be blonde; Tonya the power to be my wife forever; Sam, the power to think of Bill stories.

I, Luke Reeser, will Sam L. my great relationship with Coach Eller. I will Bill I. my fishing ability--you might need it in Minnesota. I will Chris B. Hubert--protect him from the underclassmen. I will Brandon R. the ability to remain standing on the basketball court. Of all the classes we've ever been in high school with, we are the best. To the class of 2002: We cleaned it up!

I, Sam Wallace, will Alycia my setting skills, a heart, the realization that the world does not revolve around her, the power to take God's place in the world, so she may achieve total perfection. I will Nick the ability to just say **No!**

I, Frank Trussel, will Tonya the ability to argue as well as I do.

I, Amelia Barr, will the following: to Sam Lawrence, the ability to get to the bathroom on time; to Beth Bensken, a ghetto booty; to Tonya Yokley, the ability not to mess up her words for one day *exactly*; to Mat Deem, the ability always to be a great song writer; to Matt Mutty, the desire to let Tonya make up for me being gone next year.

I, Mark Bennett, will...Nikki Bowman, my high fives; Krista Reynolds, my rubber band; Dougworth, my first stall; Johnson Flanagan, the right to light my beard on fire; Beth, the realization that Krista is mine and she isn't; Mr. Waddell and the Algebra II class of 2002-2003, the right to know there will always be thirty seconds left; Sam Lawrence, a new pair of underwear and my charm with the ladies; Jennyfred Deem, a lifetime supply of tardy passes; Lindsey Strawn, the realization that she is very attractive; Tonya Yokley, the ability to get my name right--it is **not** Mike or Bo!



I, Kate Funderburk, will...Luke and Chuck the ability to go one entire day without talking about fishing; Beth, my cheerfulness because she is always so gloomy; Ashley, some confidence and the realization that no one hates her; Courtney, the hot Pepsi guy; Samantha, to be "wooed" whenever desired; Krista, the ability to keep from ditching her friends for her boyfriend because we really hate it when she "discludes" us; Chuck, some better ideas and a bag of munchies; Courtney, a bunch of pictures of her friends just sitting around together being friends; Kira, a new pair of pants and the ability to stop running into me in the hall; and finally, to all the classes we've ever been in school with, the ability to realize that we **are** the best class.

I, Beverly Baker, will the following: Jenny Deem, the ability to get through lunch detention without me; Amanda Barnes, the ability to get over herself; the Juniors, the ability to realize that we will always be better than them; Leslie and Allen, the best of luck with Amanda.

I, Matthew David Landstrom, will the entire Student Body the power to be responsible and mature enough to be independent. Depend on yourself and then NO ONE but you will do you wrong. Then hopefully, by the time you graduate, you will become a perfectly independent person to the outside world, as I have.

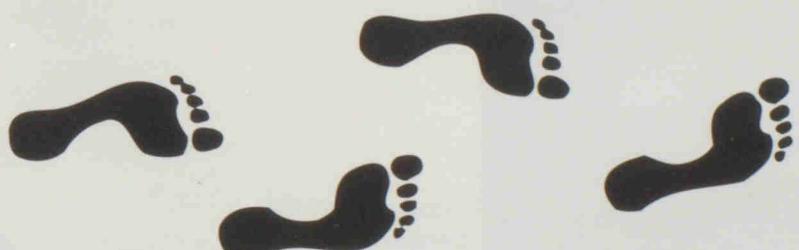
I, Amanda Baker, will the following to: my sister, Jenny Ford, the ability to succeed in everything she does; the Seniors the ability to succeed in whatever they choose to do with their lives; Heather, the ability to race cars and earn bunches of money; Cody the ability to find a girlfriend; Brandon the ability to find a girl he likes; Krista the ability to have x-ray vision; the students of DeLand-Weldon high school luck in everything they do; G.W. the ability to get by without a job so that he can hunt and fish all day; Fisher the ability to pay for things; Mrs. Schilawski, a student-free day.

I, Chuck Arnold, will to...Shorty, my urinal; Doug, my toilet; every class that was ever in school with us, the ability to realize that **we are the best**.

I, Nicole Allison, will the following to: Mr. Arenas "Drop"; Jennifer Deem, boxes of markers and a lifetime supply of tardy passes; Nikki Bowman, a pair of flip-flops for every outfit; G.W. Mank, ear plugs; Amanda Baker, an audience to listen to the stories; Amanda Barnes, a bottle of ketchup; Aleyna Carsel, the guy from Finish Line; Samantha Oakley, Steak 'n Shake coupons; Matt Mutty, ear plugs also.

I, Heather Whalen, will the following to: Krista, the ability to tan; Frank, the ability to admit he's wrong; Jennifer Deem, the ability to get through lunch detention without me and the ability to realize Bob the Builder is better than Sponge Bob; Mark, the ability to stop hitting me; Mr. C., the ability to let his future classes have nap time twice a week; Mr. DeJaynes, three million dollars; Sam-O, my truck and five cents; Niki, 500 pairs of snowmen pants; Jodi, a large heavy stick that she can beat Frank with, and my birds; Capt. A., the ability to miss me bunches; Lindz, a pineapple tree and a man..."A good one"; Cody, the ability to not miss his grandma; Richie, more teeth; Travis, the ability to cook because Beth just can't seem to ever get the right ingredients into the right dish; Siarah, one million dollars.

I, Allen Reynolds, will Tonya Yokley, Jim. May he live FOREVER!



*Sometimes our footsteps
step on toes...*



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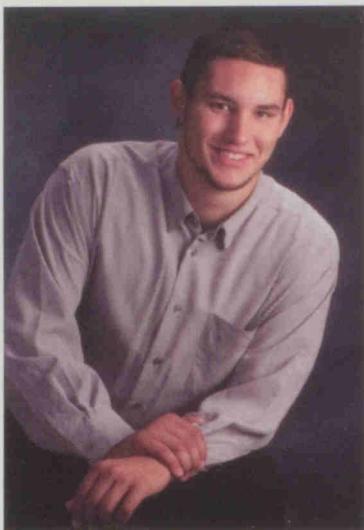
Class of 2003

*Nicole Elizabeth
Allison*



*A positive attitude
may not solve all of
your problems, but
it will annoy
enough people to
make it worth the
effort.*

*Charles Andrew
Arnold*



*It never occurs to me that
there are things I can't do.*

*Beverly Carol
Baker*



*Always expect the
unexpected.*

*Live life to the fullest.
But if you can't, then
enjoy what you have.*

*Amanda Lee
Baker*





**Amelia Elizabeth
Barr**

That's the risk you take...that the people you've been involved with won't like the new you. But other people who do will come along.

Whenever you feel alone, look at the stars and you'll have the world in your eyes.
Quand vous vous sentez seul regardez les étoiles et vous aurez le monde dans vos yeux.



**Kira Marie
Bell**

**Mark William
Bennett**



Your self-beliefs either support or undermine you.



**Jessica Lynne
Blanchard**

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.



**Leslie Amanda
Brevard**

Love is like heaven, but it can hurt like hell.

I didn't break it!



**Jeffrey Wayne
Burton**

Senior Stats...

Niki Allison: Yearbook 1,2,3,4 (Editor 4); Scholastic Bowl 1,2,3; Cheerleading 2,3,4; Girls' Basketball Manager 1; Lifesavers 2.

Chuck Arnold: Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,4; Baseball 3; Yearbook 2,3,4 (Vice-President 4); Lifesavers 2,3,4; Chorus 1,2,3,4 (Treasurer 2, President 4); D.A.R.E. Role Model 3; Drama 4; Band 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 4; Homecoming Attendant 2; Homecoming King 4; Football 4; Class Vice-President 2.

Beverly Baker: Chorus 1; Basketball 1; Track 1; ICE 4.

Amelia Barr: Volleyball 2,3,4; Cheerleading 2,3,4 (Co-captain 3); Student Council 1,2,3,4 (Vice-President 1, Secretary 4); Scholastic Bowl 1,2,3; Lifesavers 1,2,3,4 (Vice-President 1, Student Council Representative 4); Yearbook 1,2 (Treasurer 2); Band 1,2,3,4; Chorus 1,2,3,4; Girls' State Recipient 3; Drama 1,3,4; D.A.R.E. Role Model 4; Prom Queen 4.

Kira Bell: Chorus 1; Class Secretary 4; Yearbook Secretary-Treasurer 4; Talent Show 4; Volleyball 4; Play Staff 4; Attendant 4; Drama 4; Boxing 3,4.

Mark Bennett: Band & Chorus 1,2,3,4; Track 2; Football 4; Vice-President 1; Treasurer 1; Attendant 1; Yearbook 3,4; Student Council 3,4; Prom King 4.

Jessica Blanchard: Class President 2,3; Class Treasurer 1,4; Lifesavers 2,3,4 (Treasurer 3); Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Cheerleading 1,2,3,4 (Captain 2,4); Homecoming Attendant 3; Homecoming Queen 4; National Honor Society 2,3,4.

Leslie Brevard: Volleyball 1,2; Cheerleading 1,2; Basketball 1,2,3; Track 1; Scholastic Bowl 1,2; Lifesavers 1,2,3 (Vice-President 2,3); Student Council 2,3; Class Secretary 1,2,3; Chorus 2,3.

Sara Chrispen: Band 1,2,3,4; Chorus 1,2,3,4; Band & Chorus President 4; Lifesavers 2,3,4; Scholastic Bowl 1; D.A.R.E. Role Model 4; National Honor Society 4.

Matthew Deem: Boxing 2; Scholastic Bowl 2; Yearbook 4; Logistics Officer 4.



Kate Funderburk: Basketball 1,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Student Council 1,3,4 (Vice-President 1); Class Vice-President 4; Lifesavers 3,4; Yearbook 3; Track 1,2,4; Chorus 1,3,4 (Vice-President 3); National Honor Society 3,4; Drama 4.

William Ingersoll: Basketball 2,3; Football 4; Lifesavers 3,4.

Luke Reeser: Student Council 2,3,4; Yearbook 2,3,4; Lifesavers 2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 3; Class Vice-President 3; Band 1,2,3,4; Chorus 1,2,3,4.

Allen Reynolds: Football 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Yearbook 3; Lifesavers 3.

Frank Trussel: Drama 4; Yearbook 4; Boxing 4.

Samantha Wallace: Volleyball 1,2,3,4 (Varsity Captain 4); Lifesavers 2,3,4 (President 3); National Honor Society 2,3,4; Basketball 3,4; Cheerleading 1,2; Track 1,4; Class President 1,4; Chorus 1,2,3,4; Student Council 2,3,4 (Vice-President 3,4); Student Council Representative 2,3; Drama 3,4; Scholastic Bowl 2,3.

Courtney Wilson: Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4 (Captain 3,4); Track 2; Lifesavers 1,2,3,4 (Vice-President 2,3,4); Student Council 2,3,4 (Treasurer 3,4); Scholastic Bowl 1,2,3; Chorus 4; Public Relations Senior Class 2,3,4; Drama 3,4.



Walk in our footsteps...

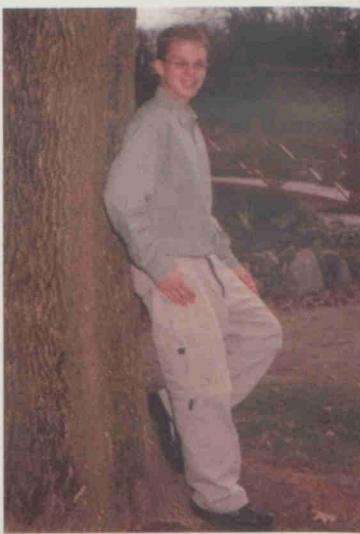




**Sara Lynn
Chrispen**

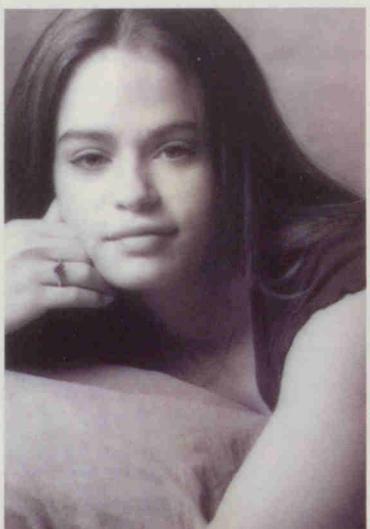
Don't take life too seriously...no one ever gets out alive.

It's not being grown up that's hard. Growing up is the hard part.



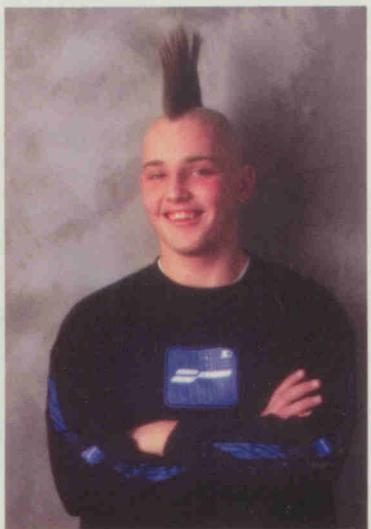
**Matthew Sharp
Deem**

I always knew that I'd look back on the times I cried and laugh, but I never thought I'd look back on the times I laughed and cry.



**Kathryne Marie
Funderburk**

Be prepared.



**William David
Ingersoll**



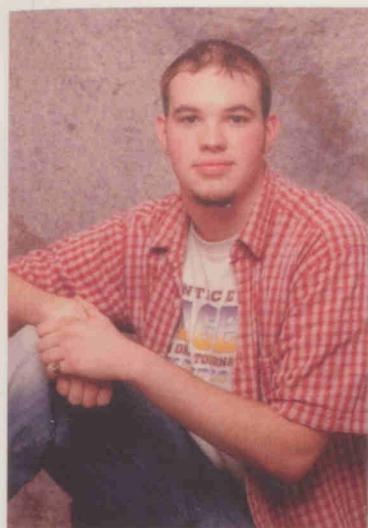
**Matthew David
Landstrom**

Only the mature, responsible ones survive in life.

*To the Class of 2002:
We cleaned it up.*



**Lucas Daniel
Reeser**



*Jeffrey Allen
Reynolds, Sr.*

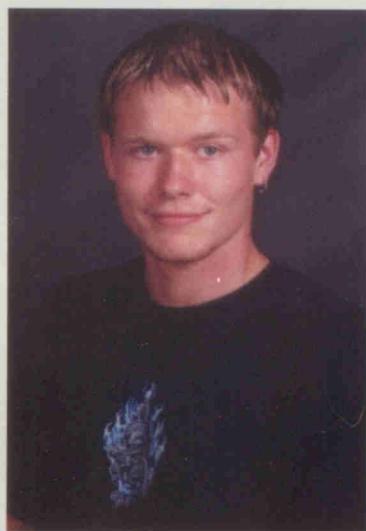
*When life gets really
boring, make a run to
your car.*



*Skyler Justin
Roberts*

*The sky is the
downside.*

*Francis Marion
Trussel, Jr.*



*Live life the
way you want
to. Don't let
anyone live it
for you.*

*Samantha Jo
Wallace*



*Dance like no one is
watching. Love like
you'll never be hurt.
Sing like no one is
listening. Live like it's
heaven on earth.*

*Heather Nicole
Whalen*



*It's all fun and
games until
someone gets
hurt...then it's
hilarious.*

Can you feel it?

*Courtney Jean
Wilson*



Daily Life at DWHS



Dancing Kira



Cody isn't sure.



What happened to Sneezy and Doc?

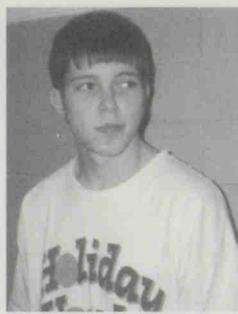


I know it's here somewhere!

A visit from Blade



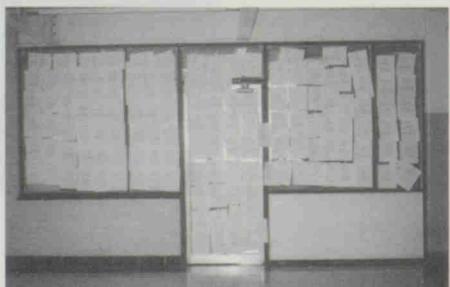
Matt is sure.



Nick doesn't care.

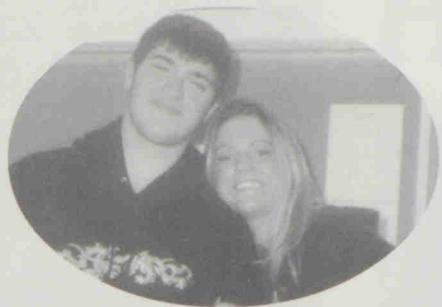


It's not easy to be this beautiful!



There will
be no more
notices
posted on
the office
windows.





Bestest Friends



Smile, Courtney!



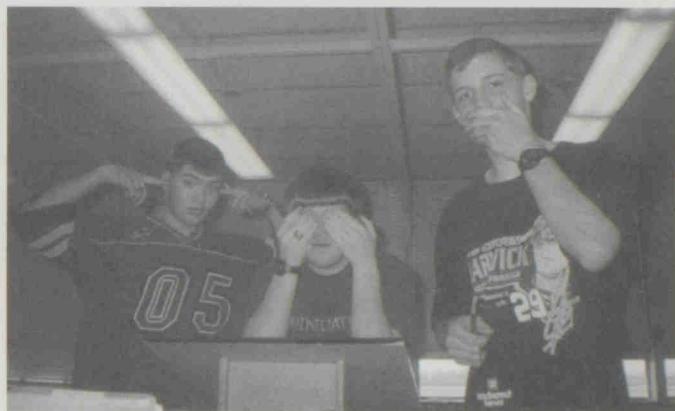
Friends Forever



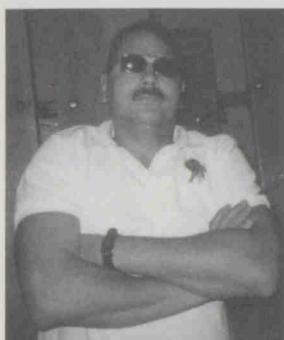
I really **do** like Chaucer!



Yes, Nick, it's a camera!



Matt, Kyle, and Johnson hear no evil, see no evil, and speak no evil. *Yeah, right!*



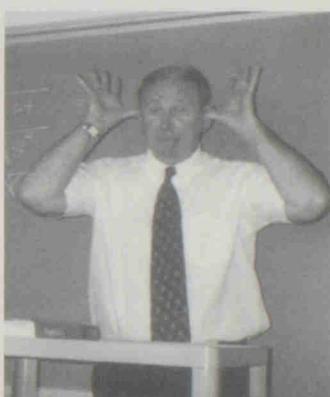
Not in MY hall!



Kyle gets help from Niki...whether he wants it or not.



Chris is up to something.



Mr. Waddell responds to questions.



No, Tonya, your semester project **cannot** be a hidden camera in the boys' locker room.



Don't tell Bill!

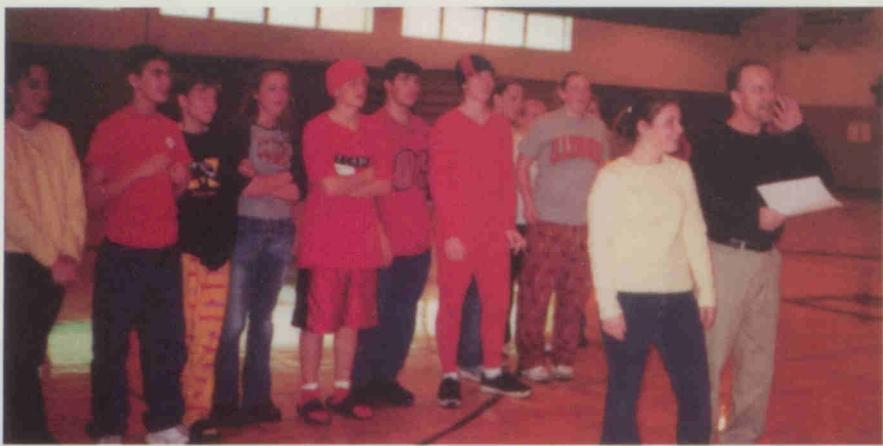


Give me that corndog!

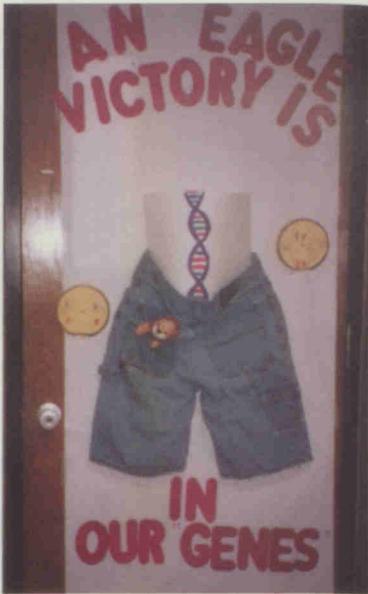


Jodi & Hilary

Spirit Week 2003



Mr. Cunningham presides at the "auction block" for the Rent-A-Pal Auction to kick-off Spirit Week.



Mr. Eatock's door won First Prize.



Mr. Waddell has some new friends-- Sam & Brandon.



Frank, aka Quasimodo, won first prize in the costume contest.



The whole crew of characters assembles for a group picture.



Angel & Devil?



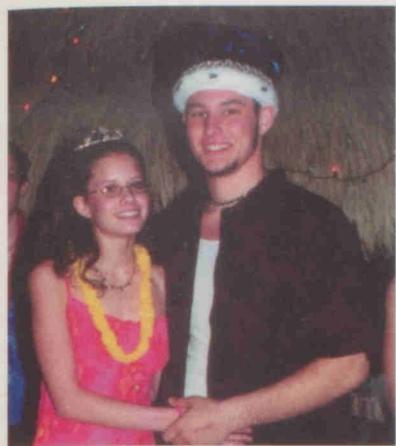
Mr. Collins and Samantha "shaking a leg" in the hallway.



A Colorful Group: Tonya, Jennifer, Melissa, Chris, and Zach.

Spirit Week began with the annual Rent-A-Pal Auction in the gym. All week there were colorful displays of wall and door decorations, costumes, and other decorations. Everyone who won an auction was able to dress their "win" as a cartoon character. Frank Trussel, "won" by Mr. DeJaynes and "costumed" by Kira Bell won first place as Quasimodo. As always, students, faculty, and staff enjoyed the week of preparation for Homecoming.

Homecoming 2003



Queen Jessica & King Charles



Chris & Ayla as a matching couple.



Nick & Alycia take a second to pose for a picture.



Mark & Lindsey arm-in-arm



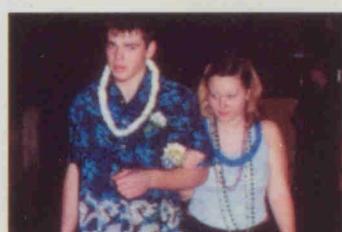
Homecoming Court: Front Row--Kira Bell, Jessica Blanchard, Chuck Arnold, Mark Bennett. Back Row--Zach Ramage, Melissa Neathery, Beth Bensken, Ayla Westray, and Matt Freeman.



The girls get together.



Amy & Matt (as his usual comic self).



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Moments We'll All Remember...



Someone should tell them it's unplugged.



Smiling Sam



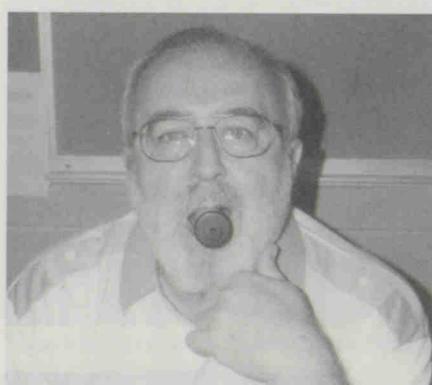
But, it's cold out there!

Food Library

Sara and Kendra work on origami.



But it came out the door!



Mr. DeJaynes demonstrates for the yearbook staff the proper way to eat a film canister.



Yes, ladies, it's Friday.



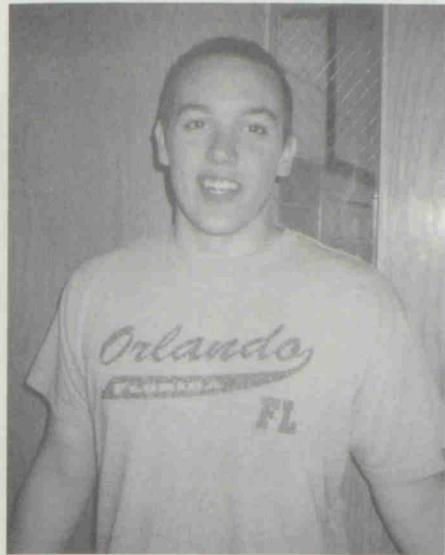
Friends one and all!



Senor Rost habla espanol.



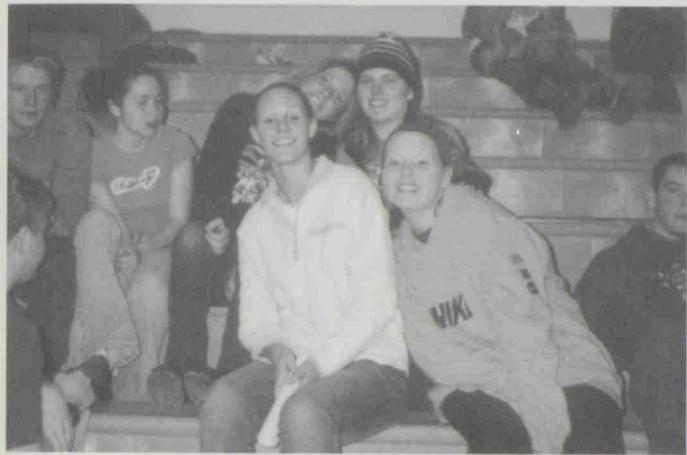
No, it has not been a good day!



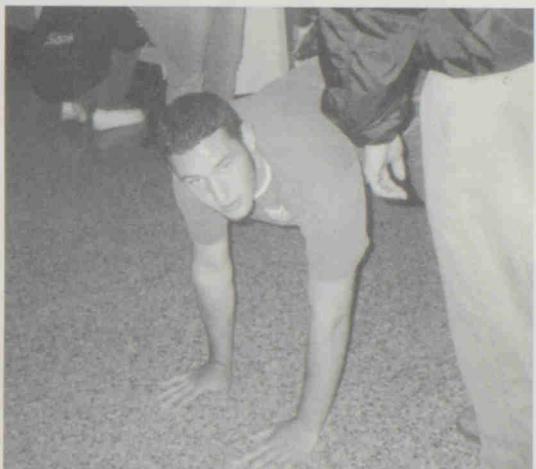
Hi! I'm the official hall roamer.



This is just **too** much fun!



We **love** assemblies.



Chuck shouldn't have argued.



Mr. DeJaynes and the "big shots" of the Dead Poets Society.



Olé, Señor Phares!



Our footsteps go on...

Prom 2003...From This Moment

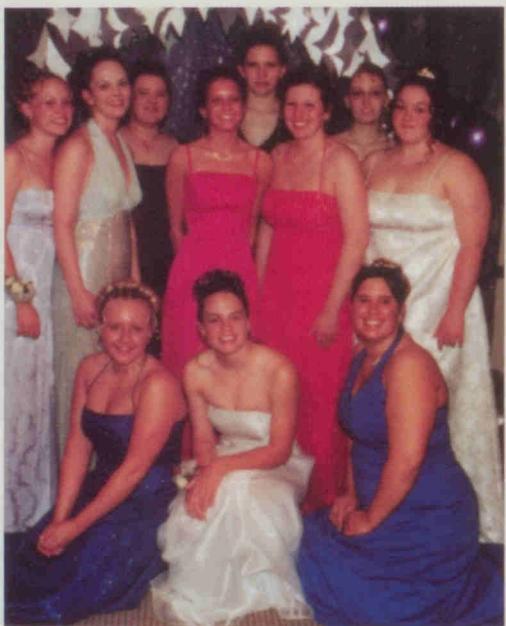


Queen Amy Barr and King Mark Bennett
enjoy the Royal Dance.

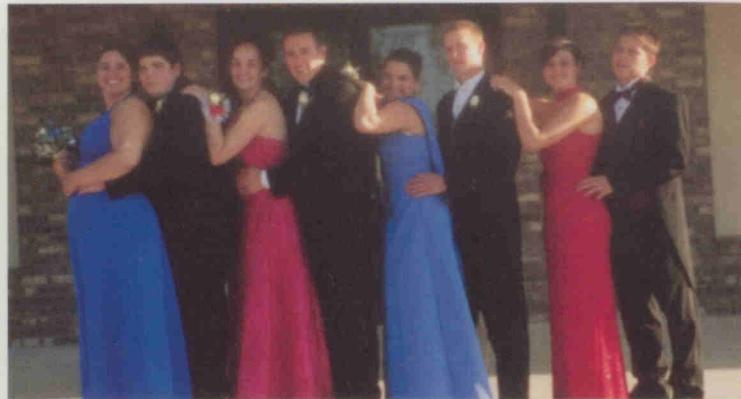


Kira & Ryan

The DeLand-Weldon 2003 Junior-Senior Prom was held Saturday, 3 May 2003 at the Clinton Country Club. Guests enjoyed an Italian Buffet, followed by dancing and fun. Junior Class President Alycia Arnold read the prophecies, followed by the coronation of the King and Queen.



Girls galore!



Guys & Dolls before the Prom.



Lucky Lueckster



I
Could Have
Danced
All
Night



Couples & Groups



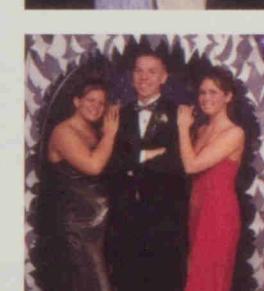
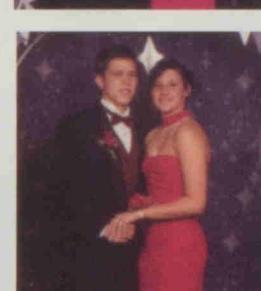
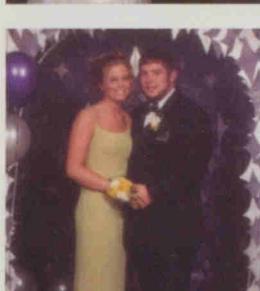
Leslie & Allen
Amanda & Chris
Stephanie & Bill
Nikki & Brandon



Krista & Chris
Kacie & Chuck
Hilary & Cody
Kate & Mat



Courtney & Matt
Jodi & Frank
Andrew & Jessica
Kira & Ryan



Beth & Mark
Matt & Amy
Nick & Alycia
Jennifer, Sam, &
Lindsey



Tonya & Cody
Melissa & Zach

Samantha, Jenny,
Stephanie, Jodi, &
Jennifer

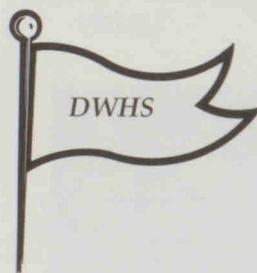


Front Row: Mark Bennett, Courtney Wilson, Luke Reeser, Krista Reynolds, Mr. Arenas, Amy Barr, Matt Mutty. Back Row: Chuck Arnold, Alycia Arnold, Tonya Yokley, Samantha Wallace, Kate Funderburk, Johnson Flanagan.

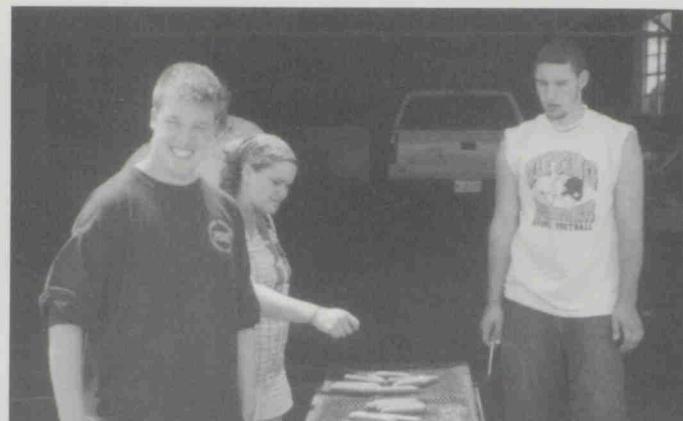
Student Council



High School students and faculty enjoy the Student Council Cookout.



Alycia offers cake to anyone who will take it.



Luke, Tonya, and Chuck preparing the annual Student Council Cookout for students and faculty at DWHS.

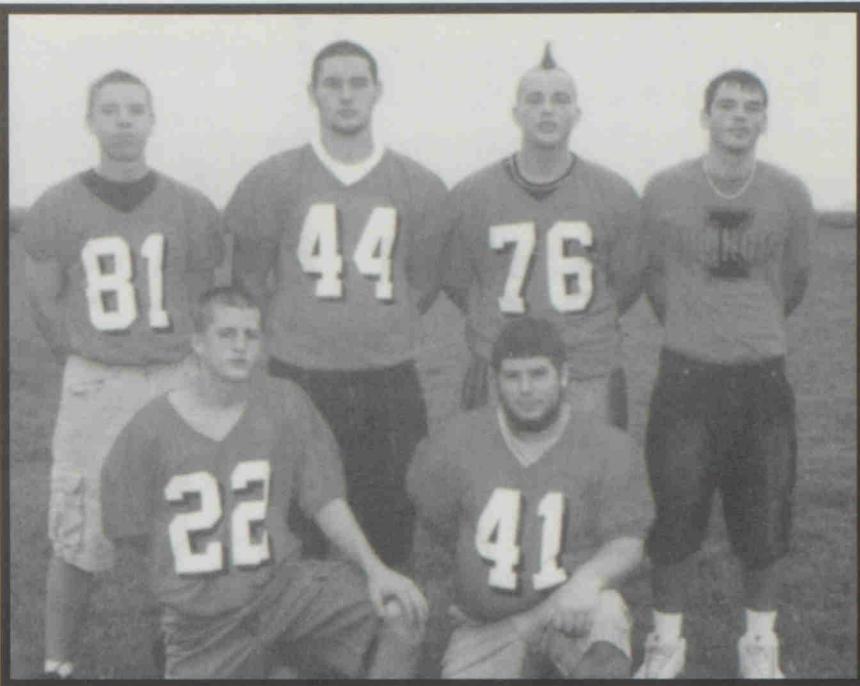


Luke, Chuck, and Richie fry hamburgers while Hilary looks on. Hurry up, guys...more food!

Football

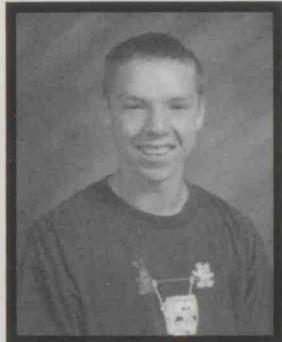
For the 2002-2003 school year, DeLand-Weldon high school co-opted with Cerro Gordo for Football. Six of our students traveled to Cerro Gordo for practice every day during the football season.

Front Row: Brandon Rost & Mark Bennett. Back Row: Sam Lawrence, Chuck Arnold, Billy Ingersoll, & Benny Ingersoll.

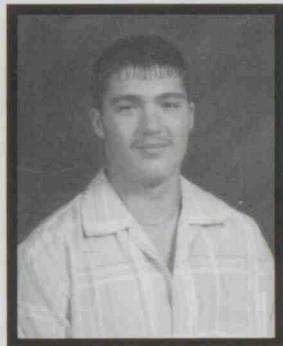


Compete in our footsteps...

Baseball



Sam Lawrence



Matt Fisher



Brandon Rost



Again this year, DeLand-Weldon co-opted with Blue Ridge, Farmer City, for Baseball. Three players from DWHS played on the Blue Ridge teams. They were: Sam Lawrence, Matt Fisher, and Brandon Rost.

Unfortunately, the person assigned to take photos for baseball did not turn in any pictures. Sorry, guys. It won't happen again next year!

Volleyball



Front Row: Courtney Wilson & Amy Barr. Back Row: Jessica Blanchard, Kate Funderburk, Coach Arenas, Kira Bell, and Samantha Wallace.



Jump into our footsteps...



Sam Wallace jumps with the trophy as Mr. Brashear looks on.



Front Row: Samantha Wallace & Jessica Blanchard. Middle Row: Windy King, Miika Garrett, Alycia Arnold, Kira Bell, Beth Bensken, and Ashley Arnold. Back Row: Amy Barr, Melissa Neathery, Krista Reynolds, Courtney Wilson, Kate Funderburk, and Coach Arenas.



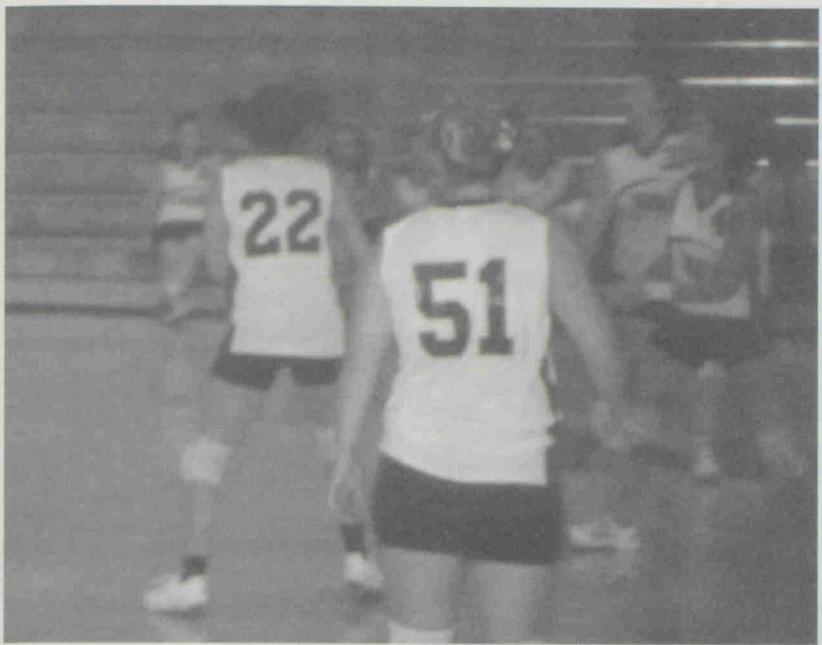
Front: Amy Barr. Back: Coach Arenas, Miika Garrett, Ashley Arnold, Krista Reynolds, Melissa Neathery, Alycia Arnold, and Mr. Brashear.

Girls' Basketball



Seated: Alycia Arnold & Tonya Yokley. Middle Row: Ashley Arnold, Ayla Westray, and Melissa Neathery. Back Row: Coach Corey, Samantha Wallace, Beth Bensken, Krista Reynolds, Courtney Wilson, and Kate Funderburk.





We're going that way.
Have fun out there.
DEFENSE on 3.

Coach Corey
Girls' Basketball Team



Boys' Basketball



Varsity Team. Front: Nick Summar. Back: Chris Blanchard, Matt Fisher, Benny Ingersoll, Chuck Arnold, Allen Reynolds, Sam Lawrence, Zach Ramage, Luke Reeser, Brandon Rost.



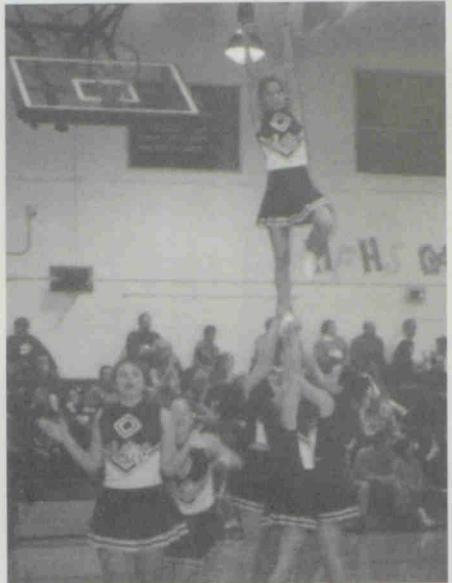
Junior Varsity. Front: Nick Summar, Chris Blanchard. Back: Matt Fisher, Benny Ingersoll, Sam Lawrence, Brandon Rost.



Cheerleading & Dance



Ashley Arnold, Jessica Blanchard, Amy Barr, Alycia Arnold, Melissa Neathery, and Ayla Westray.



Reach for the sky!



Alycia, Melissa, Ashley, & Amy.



Bottom: Alycia Arnold, Jessica Blanchard, Ayla Westray.
Middle: Ashley Arnold, Melissa Neathery. Top: Amy Barr.

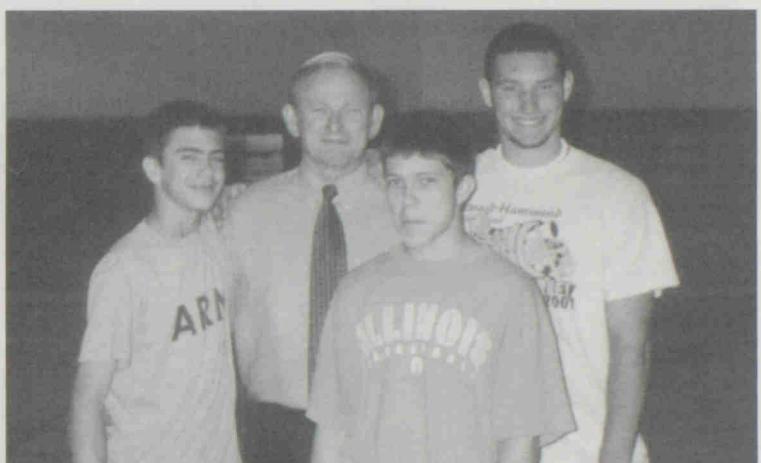


From top: Amy Barr, Jessica Blanchard, Alycia Arnold, Ashley Arnold, Ayla Westray, and Melissa Neathery.

Track & Field



Girls' Track Team. Coach Baker, Melissa Neathery, Ayla Westray, Kate Funderburk, Alycia Arnold, Beth Bensken.



Boys' Track Team. Chris Blanchard, Coach Waddell, Nick Summar, Chuck Arnold.



Run in our footsteps...



Band



High School Band Members. Sitting: Chuck Arnold, Alycia Arnold, Johnson Flanagan, Kendra Moore, Mark Bennett, Melissa Neathery, Tonya Yokley, Sara Chrispen, Kyle Moore. Standing: Mrs. Schlesinger, Amy Barr, Sam Lawrence, Luke Reeser, Andy Mollet, and Richie Randall.

*Make music in our
footsteps...*





High School Chorus. Front Row: Sara Chrispen, Samantha Oakley, Jennifer Deem, Lindsey Strawn, Krista Reynolds, Kate Funderburk, Samantha Wallace, Courtney Wilson, Amy Barr, Jessica Blanchard, and Melissa Neathery. Second Row: Mrs. Schlesinger, Ashley Arnold, Aleyna Carsel, Alycia Arnold, Tonya Yokley, Alya Westray, Siarah Flanagan, Jenny Ford, Beth Bensken, Holly Burton, Kendra Moore. Back Row: Nick Summar, Benny Ingersoll, Cody McDermith, Mark Bennett, Chuck Arnold, Luke Reeser, Brandon Rost, Chris Blanchard, Sam Lawrence, Zach Ramage, and Richie Randall.



The Annual Stage Show



Chorus



Awards Day

DeLand-Weldon Students
Honored May 15th

Mat Deem Honored



Mat Deem was honored with a plaque from the State of Illinois for exceeding State Standards in academics. Mat will attend the University of Illinois.

Tonya Yokley Honored



Tonya was the recipient of a scholarship to attend Girls' State

Best Actor Awards



Best Actor Awards were voted upon by the cast members of *Frankenstein* and presented by Mr. DeJaynes. Awards went to Frank Trussel & Alycia Arnold.

Awards for participation in Scholastic Bowl were presented by Mrs. Schilawski (right). Awards went to: Siarah Flanagan, Kendra Moore, Kyle Moore, Johnson Flanagan, G.W. Mank, & Andy Mollet.

Band & Chorus Awards

Awards for Band & Chorus were presented by Mrs. Schlesinger during the Awards Ceremony.



Seniors receiving awards were: Mark Bennett, Samantha Wallace, Luke Reeser, Kate Funderburk, Chuck Arnold, Jessica Blanchard, Amy Barr, and Sara Chrispen. Mrs. Schlesinger is at the right.



Underclassmen receiving Band & Chorus Awards were: Chris Blanchard, Ayla Westray, Alycia Arnold, Brandon Rost, Melissa Neathery, Tonya Yokley, Ashley Arnold, Nikki Bowman, Samantha Oakley, and Andy Mollet.

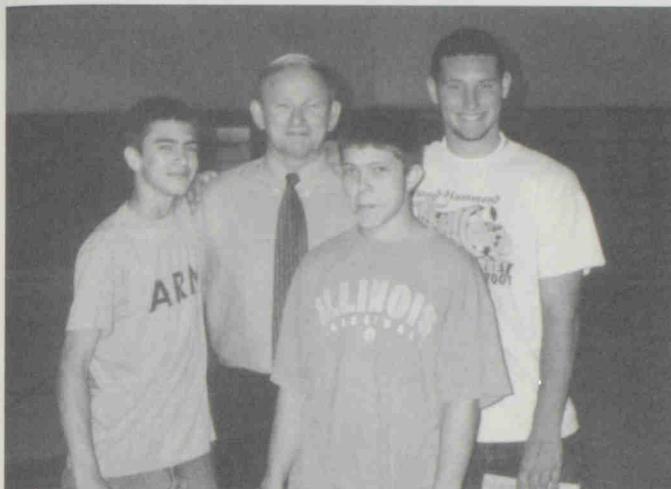
Scholastic Bowl Awards



Track Awards



Mr. Baker (left) presented Girls' Track Awards to: Melissa Neathery, Ayla Westray, Kate Funderburk, Alycia Arnold, and Beth Bensken.



TRACK & FIELD

Boys' Track Awards were given by Mr. Waddell. Pictured (from left) are: Chris Blanchard, Mr. Waddell, Nick Summar, and Chuck Arnold.

National Honor Society



National Honor Society Inductees. Students who apply to be received into the National Honor Society are selected by a faculty committee, based upon their academic achievements, their service to the school and the community. Those inducted in 2003 were: Alycia Arnold, Chuck Arnold, Christopher Blanchard, Sara Chrispen, Johnson Flanagan, and Kyle Moore.



Jessica Blanchard (top) and Mat Deem receive the Thesaurus Awards from Mr. Josh Shofner, School Board President.

*Strive to walk in
our footsteps...*



Graduation 2003

Saturday, 24 May 2003
2 p.m.
The High School Gym



*Jessica Blanchard
Valedictorian*



*Samantha Wallace
Salutatorian*



The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Schlesinger,
sang, "Friends Forever."



Kate makes a trip down
the hall for the last time,
following Graduation.



Amy & Jessica singing a duet,
"On Eagles' Wings."



Family & friends wait to greet the graduates.

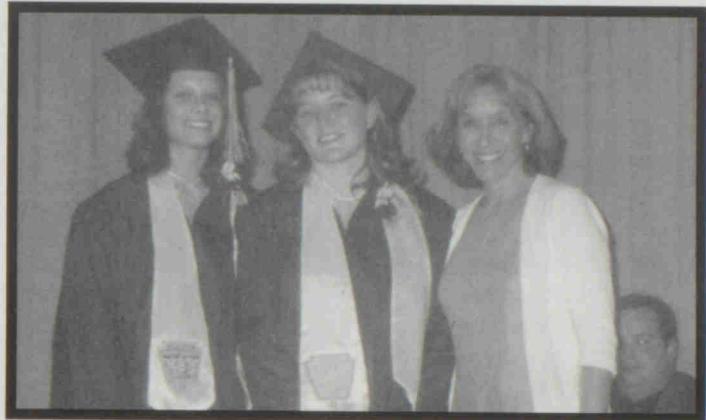
A Day to Remember...



The Jerry Stiverson Memorial Scholarship was presented to Jessica Blanchard by Mr. Eatock, on behalf of the DeLand-Weldon Education Association.



Mrs. Schilawski presented awards to Jessica & Samantha.



...with friends we'll never forget!



Jessica receives the Masonic Award.



Mr. Arenas, one of the Senior Class sponsors, is guest speaker.

Other Awards...



Chuck Arnold receiving the Best Male Athlete Award from the U.S. Army. Best Female Athlete went to Jessica Blanchard.



Mark Bennett & Jessica Blanchard receive V.F.W. Awards from Mike White.



Before and After...



Jeff Burton & Matt Landstrom waiting for the big moment.



After four years and a commencement address, Mr. Arenas sends the seniors out into the world.



Niki Allison & Heather Whalen are ready to go.

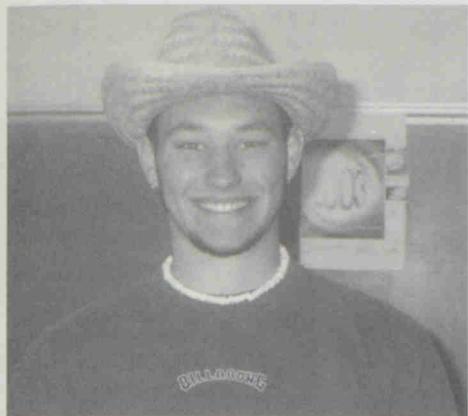
A few more steps to the end...



You can always expect a smile from Kira!



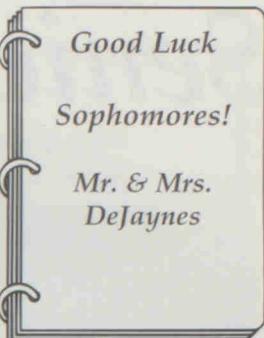
Walking on to tomorrow...



Farmer Chuck--an omen?



Jenny & Matt--another omen?



Smile, C, it's almost over!



Dead Poets rule!



Nikki & Sara



Cody! Was all that in your locker?!



Okay, guys...chips on the table!

The steps are fading...



What are they smiling about?

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Heather...take wrestling!



Who's teaching whom?

Senior Trip 2003

Thanks to Courtney Wilson for providing pictures of the Senior Class Trip.



Is this the audition line?

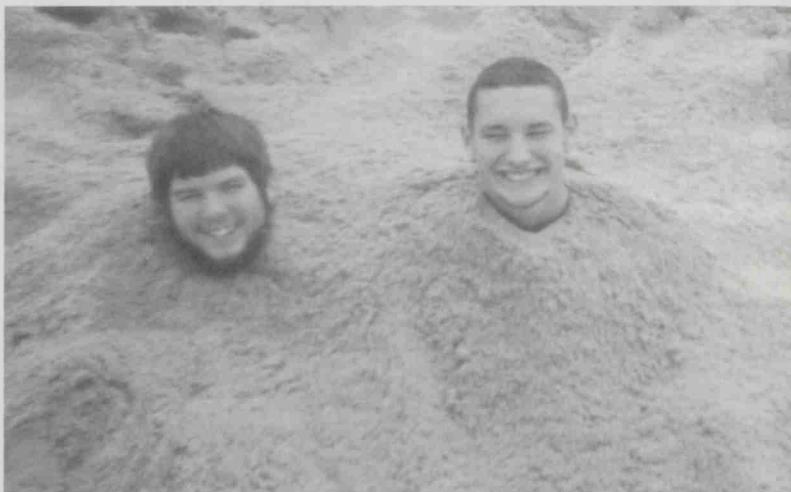
California...here we come!



Beach Bums for the day.



Courtney...can you feel it?



Mark & Chuck are *always* up to their ears in *something*!



Let's just stay here!



Footsteps in the sand...



FOCUS

Capt. Arenas

*One
More
Year,
JUNIORS!*

*Mr. & Mrs.
DeJaynes*

Congratulations

*Class of
2003!*

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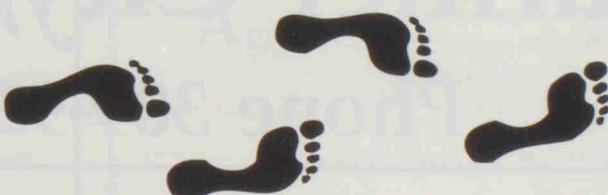
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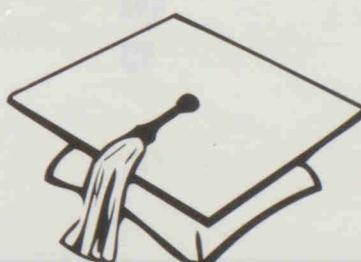
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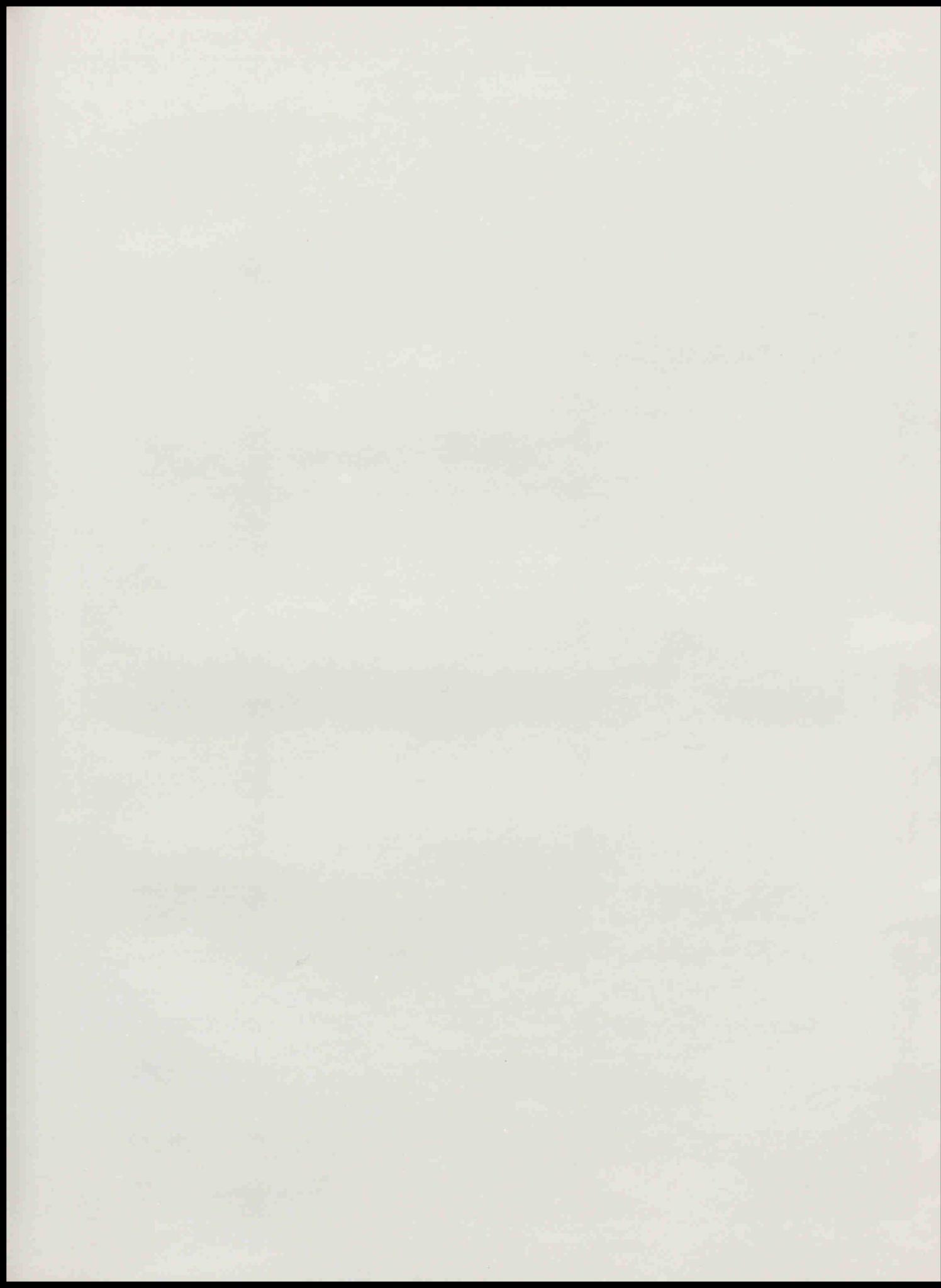


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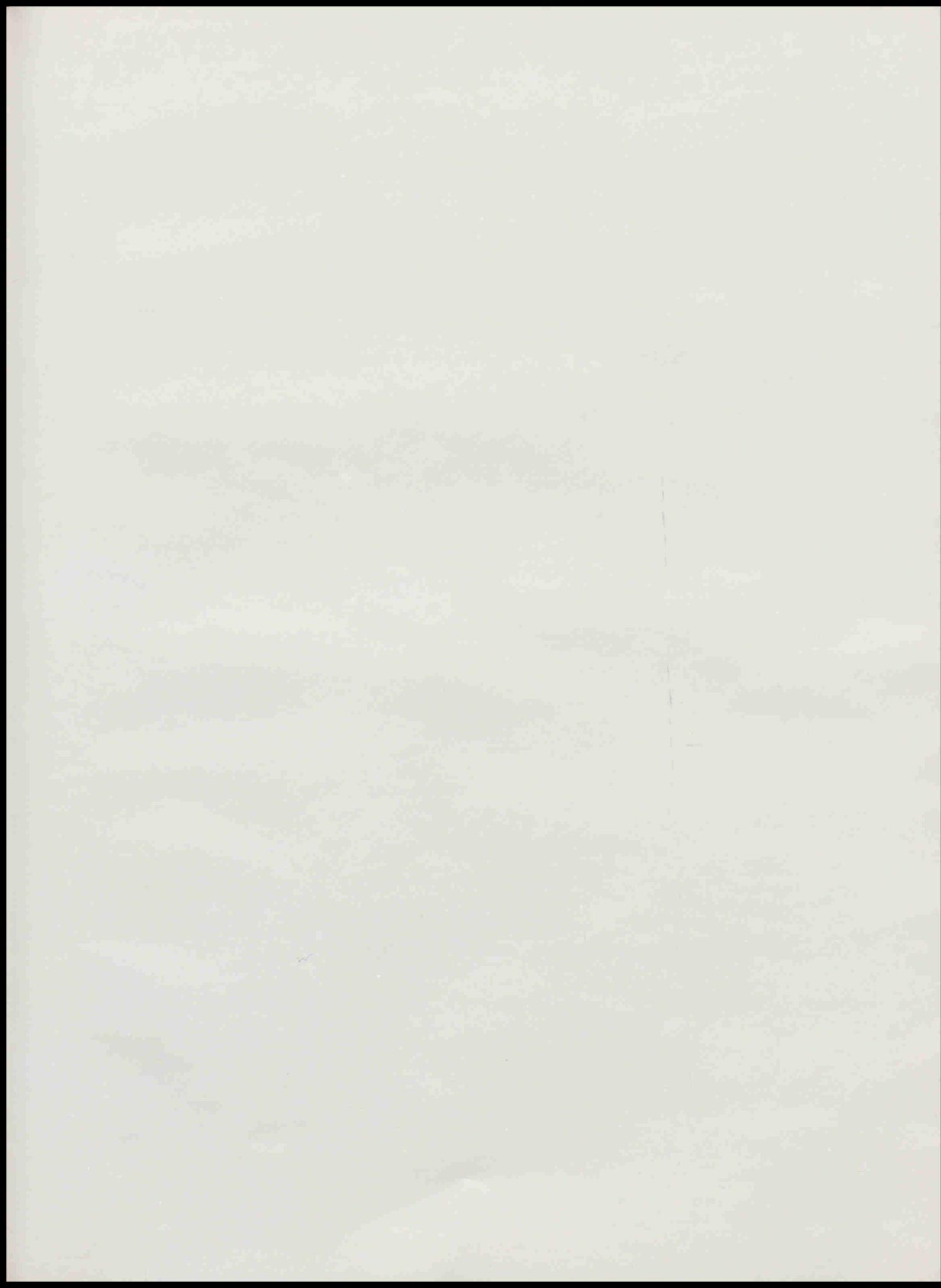
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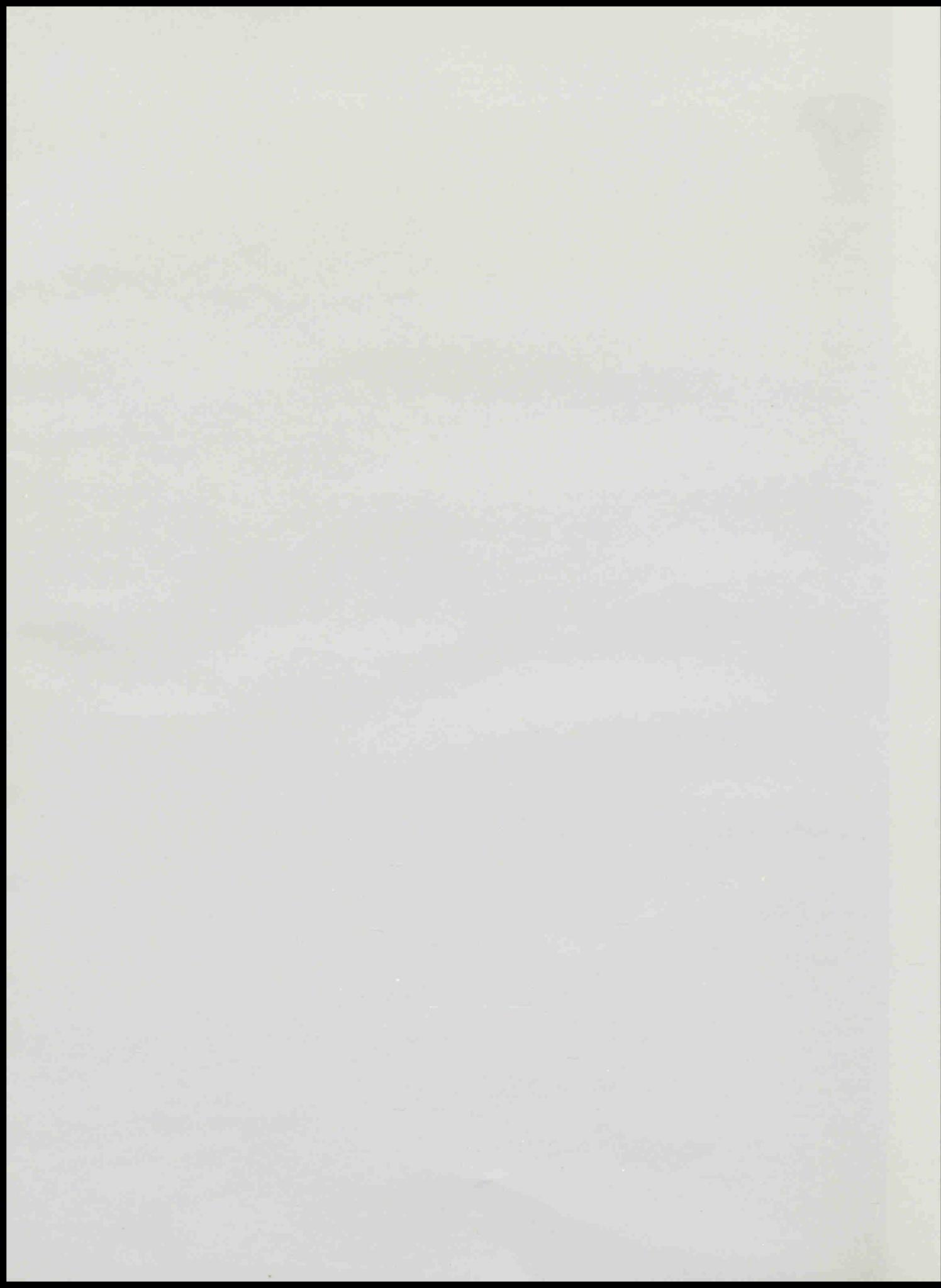


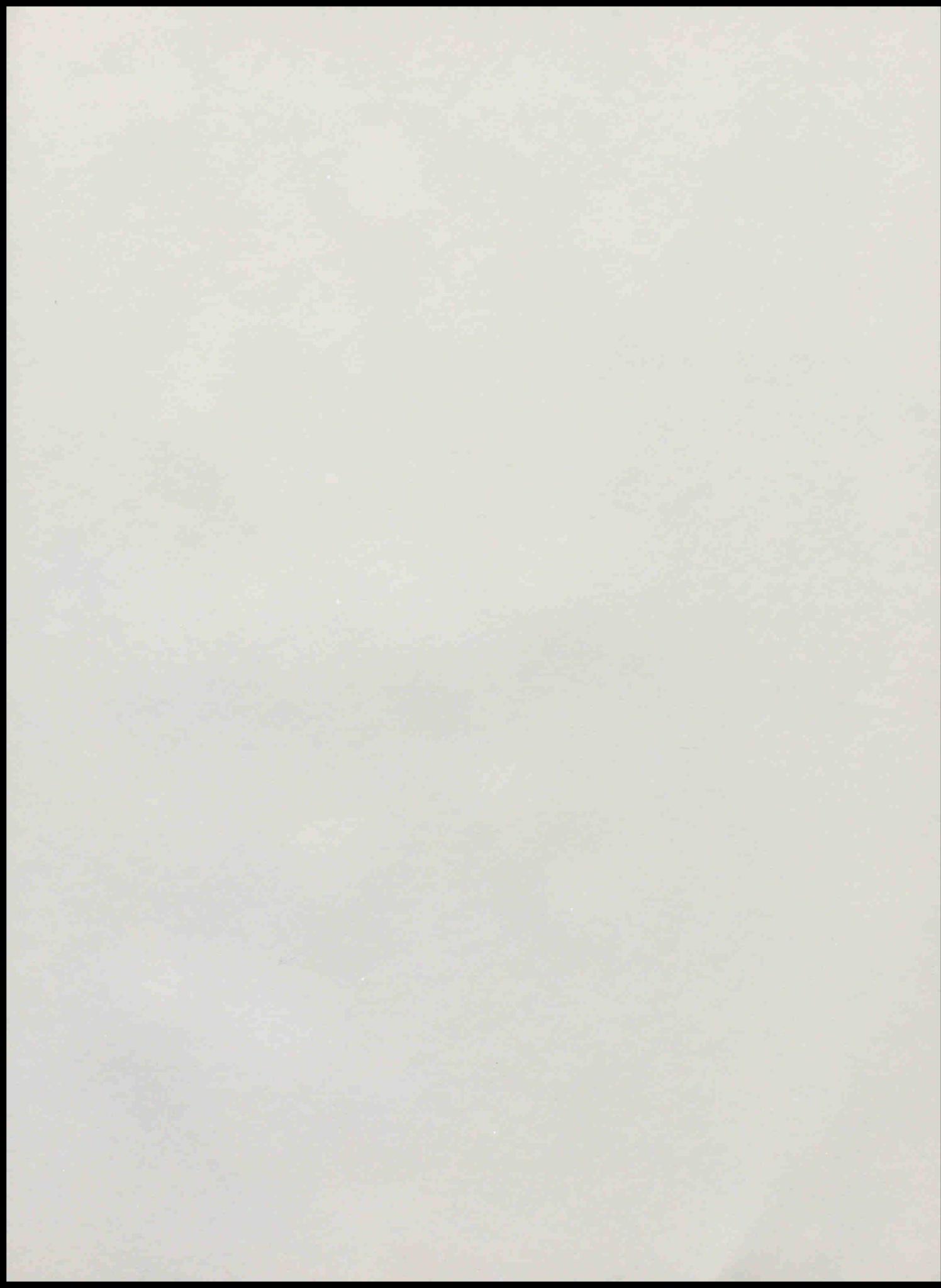


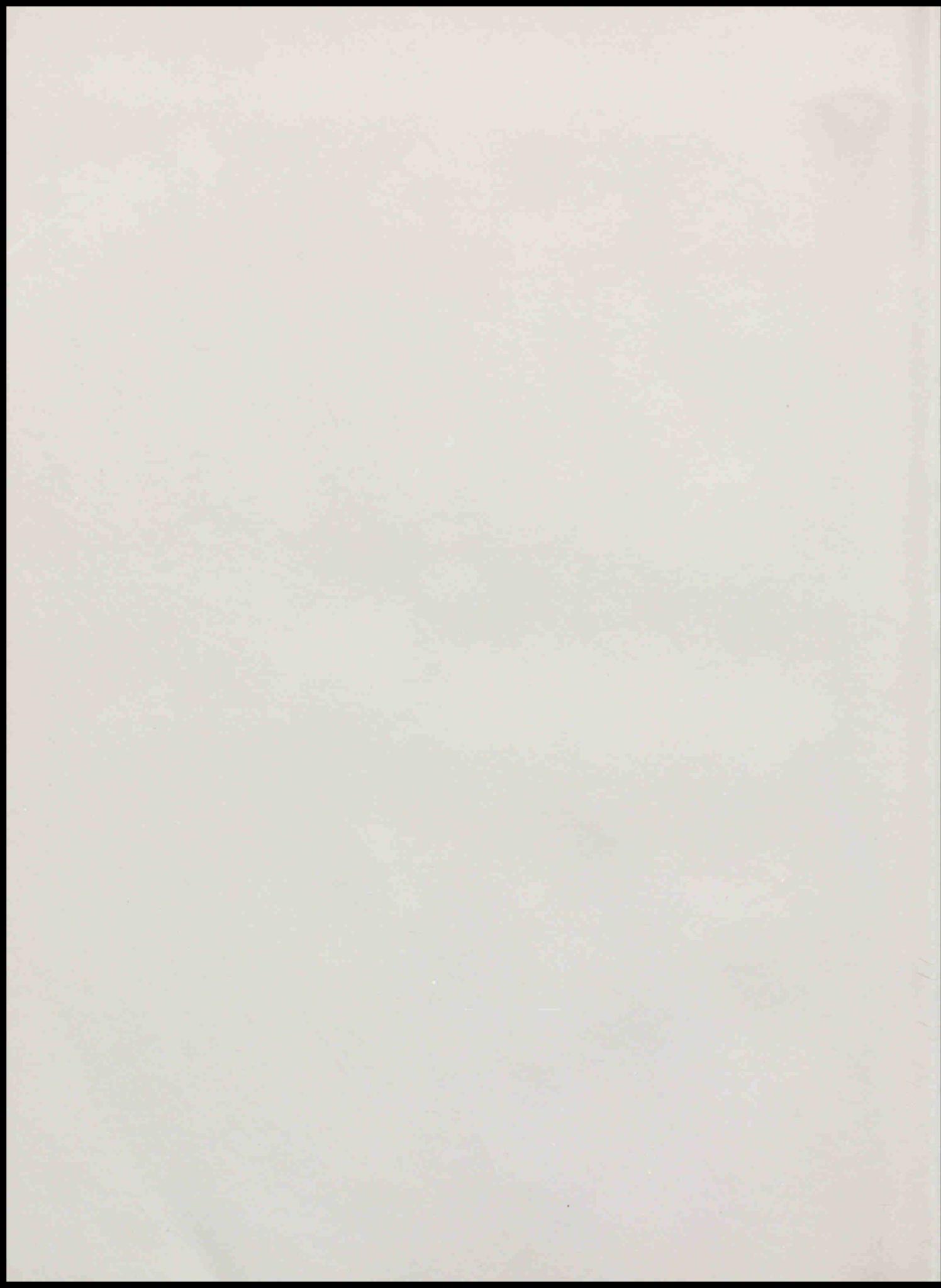
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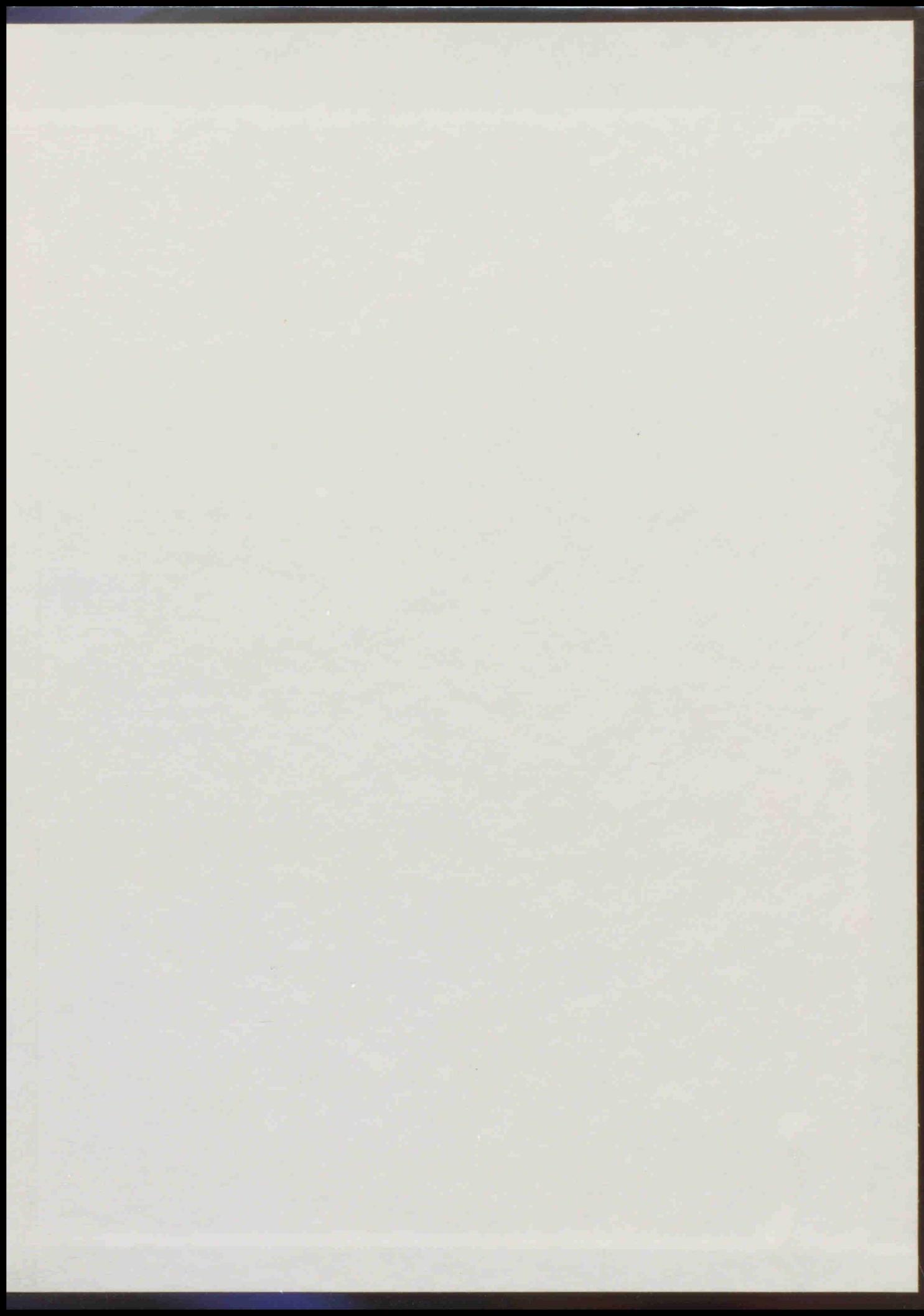
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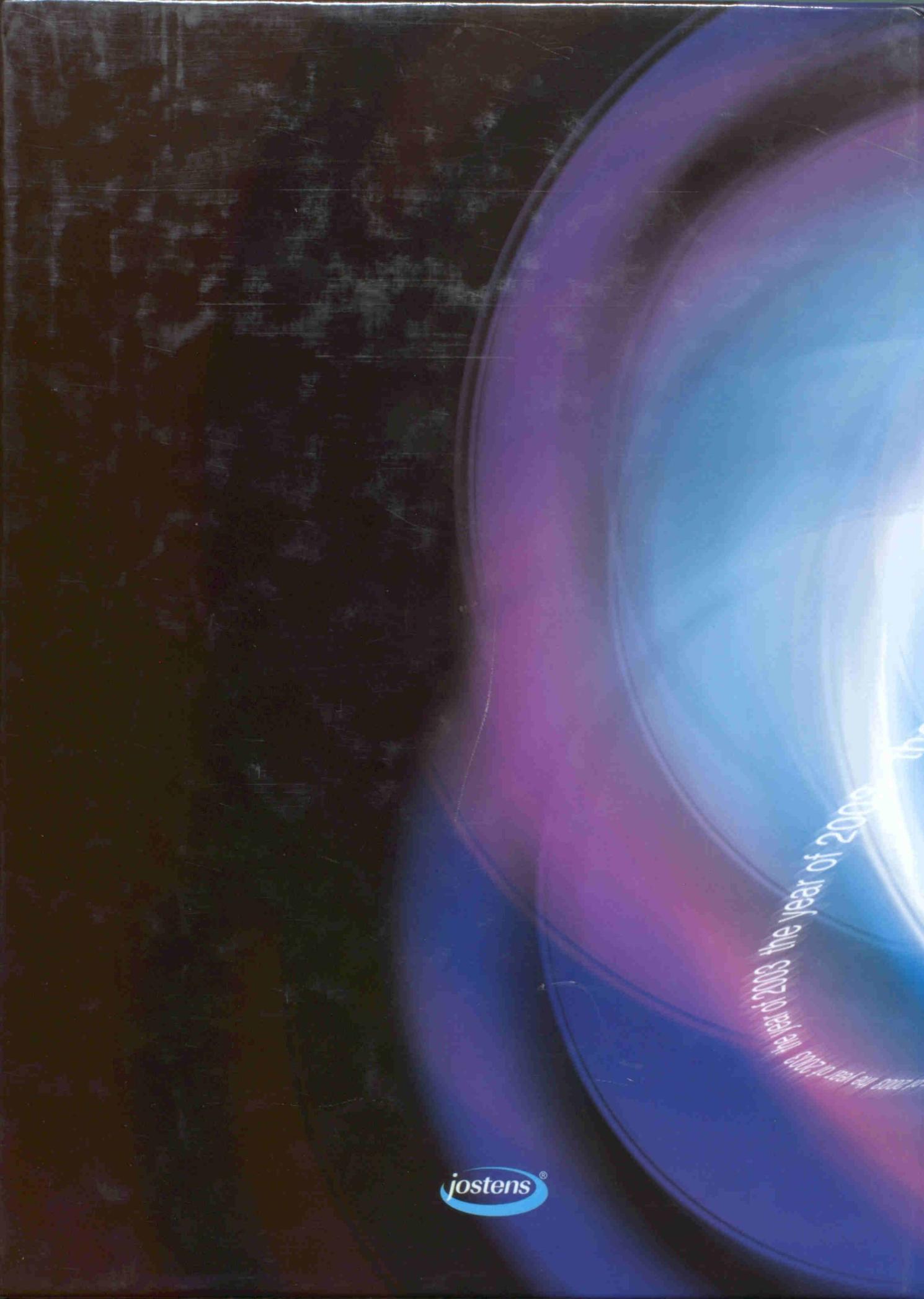












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